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Scotland now possesses two European boxing champions in Tommy Milligan, Hamilton (Welterweight), and Elky Clark, Glasgow (Fly-weight). Elky Clark attained his ambition at the Circus, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, when he wrested the European fly-weight boxing title from Michael Montreuil (Belgium), the holder, winning on points after a clean and well-contested 20 rounds. The margin of points in Clark's favour was a narrow one, and, indeed, for a long time in the contest the prospects of a Scottish success were at a very low ebb. Clark did not fight in anything like the form that has brought him to championship class. He was hesitating and uncertain in much of his work, and in a chat after the fight Clark declared that he did not feel in too great fettle. There was a physical something that he could not explain, and his boxing for a long time in the contest did not belie his statement. When Montreuil was allowed in the early stages to adopt the rôle of aggressor the course of events was put down to Clark's well-known plan of campaign in testing the strength of the opposition before taking a real hand in the operations. The Belgian proved himself a rare little fighter, full of confidence and craft, and alive to any opportunity that presented itself. Clark produced the best efforts of the first half of the contest near the close of the tenth session. It was not till the seventeenth round, however, that he really showed himself a winner.

UNDER RUGBY CODE.

The Rugby fields in Scotland were almost unplayable, but some good matches were seen and large scores recorded. The most interesting game was at Goldenacre, where Heriot F.P.'s, beaten in November, had the revenge of defeating Wanderers. The latter tried to keep the play close, but whenever Heriot's got the chance they seized it wholeheartedly. Although Glasgow Academicals took the field without some of their leading men, they had little difficulty in beating the Royal High School F.P.'s. The School forwards put up the pluckiest of fights, but their backs were outplayed at every point. Greenock Wanderers made a good fight against Glasgow High School F.P.'s, and though defeated their forwards in particular gave a good account of themselves.

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THE LEAGUE.

Rangers suffered their second League reverse of the season at Hamilton, where the Academicals beat them by one goal to none. The previous defeat sustained by the Ibrox Club was also on a Lanarkshire ground, so far back as September 27th, their opponents on that occasion being Airdrieonians. The ground conditions at Hamilton, as elsewhere, were bad, but both teams contrived nevertheless to provide fast and interesting play. The defeat of Rangers reduced their lead to the narrow margin of one point, and the Championship is once again an open question. In their three latest games Rangers have dropped four points, and have apparently again lost their form at a critical juncture. Airdrieonians may not be capable of equalling the brilliant but fitful displays of their Ibrox rivals, but are an admirably balanced and consistent side, and would appear to have with them this season that little bit of luck that invariably follows in the train of a successful eleven. It was in evidence last week at Hampden Park, where they gained a narrow victory over Queen's Park in a game in which the Amateurs had a decided margin of play in their favour. The Amateurs, under conditions of the most trying kind, excelled themselves. The defeat of Ayr United and Dundee and the comparative failures of Heart of Midlothian and Falkirk kept positions in the relegation area much as they were. Ayr United lost to Partick Thistle by 2 goals to 0, and with a game more played than Queen's Park they are at the bottom of the table, with one point fewer than the Amateurs. Dundee team is not in a happy position this year, and have added one more loss to their list, this time to Cowdenbeath. The club at present stands sixth from the bottom of the table. But Jutropolis has compensations, its junior club, Dundee United, is leading the Second Division and going strong. There was quite a crowd of disappointed fans.

DEATH FROM BURNING BEARD

At an inquest at Battersea, on the body of Joseph Arthur Aldred, 79, of Putney Bridge-road, Putney, who died from shock following burns, it was stated that he was carrying a lighted candle when his long beard caught fire. The flames were eventually extinguished by his wife, who is blind and also an invalid. The Coroner said that it was a remarkable case and he had never had one like it before. He commended Mrs. Aldred for having, although blind, rendered such plucky and prompt assistance, and directed that £1 should be paid to her out of the Poor-box. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

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The following minutes of the annual meeting of land renters and ratepayers of the British Concession, Shameen, held at H.B.M. Consulate-General at 2.30 on Monday, February 24, 1925, have been sent to us for publication:—

Present:—Chairman, H.B.M. Consul-General (14 votes); H.B.M. Vice-Consul (4); The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China (2); Mr. E. R. Mogra (3); Mr. M. N. Mehta (2); The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.S.), Ltd. (5); Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. (5); The Official Messenger (1); Mr. A. Higgins (1); Messrs. Garret Bedoni & Co. (1); Messrs. Karanika & Co. (1); Mr. N. B. Karanjia (3); Messrs. Arnold & Co. (4); Messrs. Holroyd, Massey & Co. (3); Messrs. T. E. Griffith (4); Mr. T. E. Griffith (2); Mr. C. H. H. (1); Messrs. Little, Adams & Wood (1); La General Soles (2); Messrs. Shawan, Tomes & Co. (3); Mr. A. V. Hogg (2); Chinese Maritime Customs (2); The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (4); Messrs. Deacon & Co. (3); Mr. H. Staples Smith (1); Messrs. John Manners & Co., Ltd. (1); The Standard Oil Co. of New York (2); The International Banking Corporation (3); The Victoria Hotel (2); Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (2); Dr. W. Graham Reynolds (2); R. March-Brown, c/o H. Dent & Co., Ltd. (1); Messrs. H. Dent & Co. (1); Messrs. Dodwell & Co. (2); Mr. U. Spallinger (1); Messrs. Gerin Duvard & Co. (2); The Shamoon Municipal Council (4); Messrs. Villa Bros. (1); The Northern Featherworks (1); Mr. P. E. Baskett (1); Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co. (4).—Total, 114 votes.

LATE ARRIVALS.

The necessary quorum of votes being present and the notice convening the meeting having been read.

The Chairman (Sir James Jamieson), said: I wish to put on record that owing to the late arrival of ratepayers the meeting has not started at the proper hour. I would ask all ratepayers that on occasion of this kind they would make an endeavour to turn up at the proper hour. It is unfair to the people who come in time to have to wait.

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 1924.

The Chairman: The first item on the Agenda is to pass the report and accounts for 1924. Before putting this resolution to the meeting I call upon the Chairman of the Council to offer any remarks he may have to make with regard thereto. I take it for granted that you have all read the report.

Mr. PRACOCK: Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts for the year 1924, a few remarks may not be out of place. The accounts are being presented to you in the form which were adopted for the first time last year, which, I venture to state, gives a very clear view of the position. Beyond the new Bund lighting, nothing in the shape of improvements in public works has been undertaken for the simple reason that the general unhappiness during and subsequent to the Shamoon Strike has caused our attention to be directed almost entirely to maintaining the usual public services.

Our principal trouble has been in connection with the policing of the island which, it is to be regretted, is still not a satisfactory state. At a special meeting held on the 30th June you sanctioned the proposal to increase the Police Force, but before the necessary steps could be taken the strike intervened and the Police left in a body. I do not wish to trouble you with a repetition of the facts which are well known to you, but it was necessary to replace them with an entirely new body of men. Naturally there are disadvantages which can only be overcome by time, the chief one, being that the new Police were strange to both Canton and Shameen. The majority of the previous Force had been some time in the Council's service and consequently had the advantage of acquaintance with the resident Chinese staffs on Shameen, and therefore were far better judges of who was or was not entitled to live on the Shameen. I am not for one moment prepared to admit that the recent outbreak of robberies on the island is only natural, that the perpetrators of the crimes would more probably have been brought to book, but you must remember we are at present living surrounded by turmoil and uncertain conditions which naturally attract bad characters, and it is scarcely fair to make a comparison of security at the present time and say a year ago. It should hardly be necessary to point out to you that very much the same increase in crime has happened in other centres such as Hongkong and Shanghai. Because one encounters detection of duties, it is not fair to condemn the whole Force and forget other instances to the credit where they have shown that they were not unequal to tackling difficulties when a lead was given. Which brings me to the point which I would emphasize that not only intermittent supervision is necessary to ensure the men being kept up to proper standard but that this supervision must be continuous.

The men have been sent in batches for a period of training with the Hongkong Police, and the reports we have received have in the majority of cases been very good. The last report to hand states that the conduct of the men has been exemplary and that they have maintained the high standard set by their predecessors. This shows, in my opinion, that with efficient control they will give satisfaction; but this can only be effected by having a Superintendent whose whole business is devoted to this. At present this work devolves upon the Police Councilor who is consulted on every trivial matter, a state of affairs which it is impossible to continue and one cannot expect anyone willing to serve on the Council if so much of his day has to be devoted to work which rightly should be done by a paid employee. For this reason you are presently going to be asked to vote on Resolution 10.

I should like to record the Council's appreciation of the assistance and sympathetic interest we have received from the Hongkong Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. Wolfe, through whose help it was at one time hoped we could have a foreign Sergeant seconded to our Police Force, but at the moment there seems no likelihood of this being feasible. I am inclined to think that of the same importance as a foreign whole-time Superintendent is the necessity of having a capable detective with a knowledge of the people and the place. Here again the Hongkong Police have assisted us by lending us the services of one of their men, but obviously this can only be for a few weeks.

Since the report and accounts have been in your hands, we have received an application from Ah Yau and Yu Cheong for employment in some capacity, though we could not possibly contemplate their employment as policemen. These two men held previously the positions of Inspector and Assistant-Inspector respectively. Yu Cheong acted also as a detective. While there can be no question of reinstating the old Police as a Force, my Council is of the opinion that there can be no objection to engaging any individual whose services might be helpful. It is difficult at present to see in what manner we could incorporate Ah Yau into the present Force, since he could neither be subordinate nor superior to the present Inspector, but the Council is in favour of taking on Yu Cheong as a detective with no relation to the present Force. I propose afterwards asking the ratepayers for an expression of opinion whether they consider it advisable to engage the service of either or both.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize that the Council preserves quite an open mind on the question of the Police and recognizes the extra burden of taxation which ratepayers are asked to carry, but at the same time the Council is quite convinced that the only way to ensure a first-class force is by engaging a foreign Inspector with police experience.

Turning now to the Health Report, I have only to report that Miss Lennox Paterson will be leaving us at the end of this month, but we are being saved the expense of obtaining the services of a nurse from home, as Miss Baillie has consented to re-enter our service for a further period of two years.

I have nothing additional to add to the report on the Fire Brigade and the new fire engine, the arrival of which is expected in about two months. You will notice that our estimated expenditure for this year is rather higher than formerly, but this includes the cost of certain alterations to the various hydrants to make them more accessible.

You will notice that our expenditure in connection with the Water Works for last year is higher than estimated, but after the Strike it was found necessary for renewals and repairs to be effected. Our estimated expenses for this year are also higher than usual, but these include the cost of painting the water-tower.

I am glad to say that the cost of the new lighting on the Bund has been a good deal below what was estimated, and I am sure the improvement is appreciated.

I now come to the question of our overdraft with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Satisfactory arrangements had been hanging fire for some time, but we cannot now let the matter lapse any longer, and I must ask ratepayers to pass resolution 9.

Regarding the vexed question of depreciation, ratepayers can no longer blink the fact that even were we allowed to carry on as we had been doing, it would be a perfectly sound policy.

At the special meeting held on the 24th November, ratepayers agreed that funds should be raised for a cash reserve of \$7,500 per annum, which represents half the depreciation actually incurred. We cannot overcome the fact that whether we make allowance or not, a definite depreciation is incurred each year, and this is estimated by our auditors at \$15,000. Consequently although we only make a cash reserve of \$7,500, our assets have to be depreciated by the remainder, and assuming that our Budget balance our surplus each year will show a decline of \$7,500. I cannot do better than read with your permission a letter received from Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews dated 18th February which I think, succinctly puts the position before you. (Letter read.)

I would now draw your attention to the matter of telephones. Full particulars of the report were given to you at the special meeting of the 20th June and you then passed the resolution agreeing to the installation of an exchange on Shameen.

A slight mistake has crept into the report inasmuch as the original scheme put forward on the 30th June did not include the provision of a special vote of money, but the expenses of the scheme were to be met by a loan, and this has received the consent of your Bankers. Consequently the Council will merely ask you to confirm your approval of the scheme, giving them permission to proceed if an opportunity occurs during the coming year on lines laid down in the report submitted to you on the 30th June.

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I would withdraw resolution 11 as the management of the Victoria Hotel has decided not to proceed with the proposed purchase of land.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts as presented by the Council be passed.

Mr. STAPLES SMITH who rose to second the motion, said: The principal item of interest in the report is, of course, in connection with the Police Force. Well, Gentlemen, we have all different opinions in connection with it and probably on several other matters in connection with this subject, but I think we must all agree that the outgoing Council have had a very hard task during the past year. The conditions of the period during which they served were not of the best and, I think, we can all congratulate the Council in presenting such a healthy report and statement of accounts for the past year. It is obvious that the outgoing Council are fully alive to the question of protection and it would be of interest to see further on in the meeting what the Chairman has to say further in connection with the resolution put before the meeting. I would like to second it.

The Chairman: It has been proposed by the Chairman of the Council and seconded by Mr. Staples Smith that the report and accounts for 1924 be passed. Has anybody any remarks to offer?

Mr. HOGG: Mr. Chairman, there are a few questions attached to the Budget for 1925 which perhaps the Chairman would answer to elucidate one or two of the items. The first question is will the old fire engine and gear be sold as a part offset against the cost of the new engine and equipment?

Mr. PRACOCK: That is the idea of the Council for 1925.

Mr. HOGG: About the Secretarial expenses showing an increase of \$558 during the year. How is that?

Mr. PRACOCK: That is due to the usual yearly increments of salary paid to the Secretary, etc.

Mr. HOGG: The estimate of expenditure under the heading of Police Dept. placed at \$18,000 odd against an actual expenditure of \$11,700 odd in 1924 and \$16,700 odd in 1925, what is the cause of that?

Mr. PRACOCK: The ratepayers passed a resolution on the 30th June agreeing to an increase in the Police Force. Obviously this means an increase in expenses, and we have also allowed for a full time Superintendent.

Mr. HOGG: The allotment for Police clothing is put down at \$2,450. Does not that seem a rather high estimate since the Police have recently been supplied with new clothing?

Mr. PRACOCK: They require summer uniforms. It is an increased cost compared with what has formerly been paid owing to the additional police.

Mr. HOGG: They have a new summer suit and winter suit every year?

Mr. PRACOCK: No, every two years a winter suit, and every year a summer one.

Mr. HOGG: It seems a rather high estimate. The old Police clothing was all dispensed with?

Mr. PRACOCK: Yes, they were practically all useless.

Mr. HOGG: What are the special expenses on account of the Strike, \$2,504.75? Should not a large amount be itemized in the statement of accounts?

Mr. PRACOCK: I do not think it was necessary. The Strike expenses were all put before the meeting on the 24th November and you passed them. It does not seem necessary to reopen the question.

Mr. HOGG: It is not very clear in the accounts. It showed expenses on account of the Strike and then special expenses on account of the Strike. It is rather confusing.

Mr. PRACOCK: As I said, we have already passed those accounts and it is not necessary to reopen the question. They were due mainly to lodgings for marines, Indian Police, coal for the launch, etc.

Mr. HOGG: The increase in the cost of running the Water Works. Was that caused by the repairs you had to make?

Mr. PRACOCK: A good deal and also for the amount of extra coal, etc. A certain amount of wastage also occurred when changing the personnel.

CHAIRMAN: Well, Gentlemen, any other remarks to make with regard to the report and accounts? If not I put the resolution to the meeting.

The report and accounts were passed unanimously.

ESTIMATES FOR 1925.

The Chairman: The next item is to pass the Budget Estimates for 1925. Has anybody present any questions to put?

Mr. PRACOCK: I beg to propose Resolution Nos. 1 and 2. The House Tax shall be 4.94 per cent. on the total assessed annual rental in accordance with the Assessment List already circulated: payable before 31st March 1925.

2.—The Land Tax shall be 0.59 per cent. on H.B.M. Government's valuation of 1921-22 for each lot; payable before 31st March 1925.

Mr. ANNETT: I would like to second. The Chairman: It is proposed by Mr. Peacock and seconded by Mr. Annett that the House Tax shall be 4.94 per cent. and the total assessed annual rental in accordance with the assessment list already circulated and the Land Tax 0.59 per cent. payable before the 31st March, 1925. Those in favour of this proposal?

A HEAVY INCREASE.

Mr. HOGG: Am I allowed to speak? I would just like to ask what is the reason for demanding such a heavy increase? At the last annual meeting the amount sanctioned was 3.7314 per cent. and now the Council ask that the sanction made for this year be 5.338 per cent. It seems an enormous increase.

The Chairman: How do you get those figures?

Mr. HOGG: The total of the House and Land Tax. It seems a tremendous increase.

Mr. PRACOCK: Mr. Hogg, you seem to forget that on the 30th June a resolution was passed for extra police. Furthermore, we have extra police expenditure by providing for a fulltime Superintendent.

Mr. HOGG: But against this extra expenditure you have to deduct the expenses incurred by the strike amounting to about \$14,000 or \$15,000.

Mr. PRACOCK: I do not see how you can compare 1923 and 1924. The 1923 accounts made no provision for strike expenses at all.

Mr. HOGG: I was not comparing with 1923, but with your estimate for 1925.

Mr. PRACOCK: Well, the increase is necessary as I have pointed out to you, by the full-time Superintendent and on account of our annual deficit on depreciation of \$7,500. We have to find a way for obtaining revenue.

The Chairman: Any further remarks to be made with regard to the proposal? Are you satisfied, Mr. Hogg?

Mr. HOGG: No, I am not satisfied. (Laughter.)

The Chairman: Those in favour of passing the Budget will they kindly indicate their approval?

Mr. HOGG: I would like to suggest an amendment. Sir, that the House and Land Tax be as they were sanctioned at the 1924 meeting.

Mr. PRACOCK: In that case, Mr. Hogg, you go back on the ratepayers meeting of the 30th June, and 24th November. If you change resolutions already passed at previous meetings the Council do not know where they are.

Mr. HOGG: I do not quite follow you there.

Mr. PRACOCK: At the last two meetings resolutions were passed to cover the cost of the strike, to sanction an increase in the Police Force and to cover the \$7,500 depreciation. We must somehow find revenue to meet these.

Mr. HOGG: Well, perhaps you can by cutting down in other ways. What I am trying to impress upon you is that expenses go up year by year, as you know and everybody else knows, and the cheaper we can run this island the better for all concerned. I am not trying to pick holes. I only fail to see that the strict regard to economy so strongly advocated in previous meetings (which is now more necessary than ever in these times of continued trade depression and increased cost of living), has been exercised.

The Chairman: Mr. Hogg, I was not present at the meetings in June and in November, but having heard what Mr. Peacock has got to say I really do not agree with you that you can revise resolutions that have already been passed. As you know, and everybody knows, there is no greater advocate of economy than myself, and there is no person who realises more than myself the increasing cost of this island. If ratepayers pass resolutions you do not remember I do not see that any amendment can help matters. The money has been voted by the ratepayers and the Council draw up its budget accordingly, and I personally do not think that you can do anything. Will those in favour signify their approval?

The resolutions were carried. Mr. Taylor then proposed Resolutions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, stating that they were identical with those of last year and so he did not think there could be any objection to them.

These were seconded by Mr. CAMPBELL and were carried unanimously. The resolutions were:—

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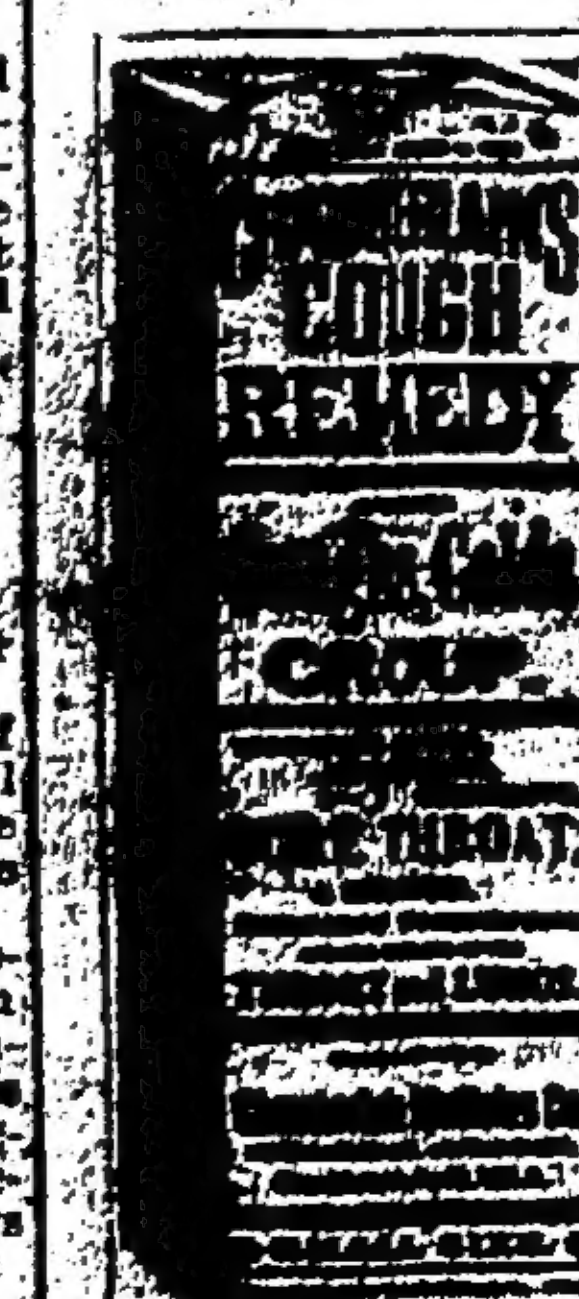
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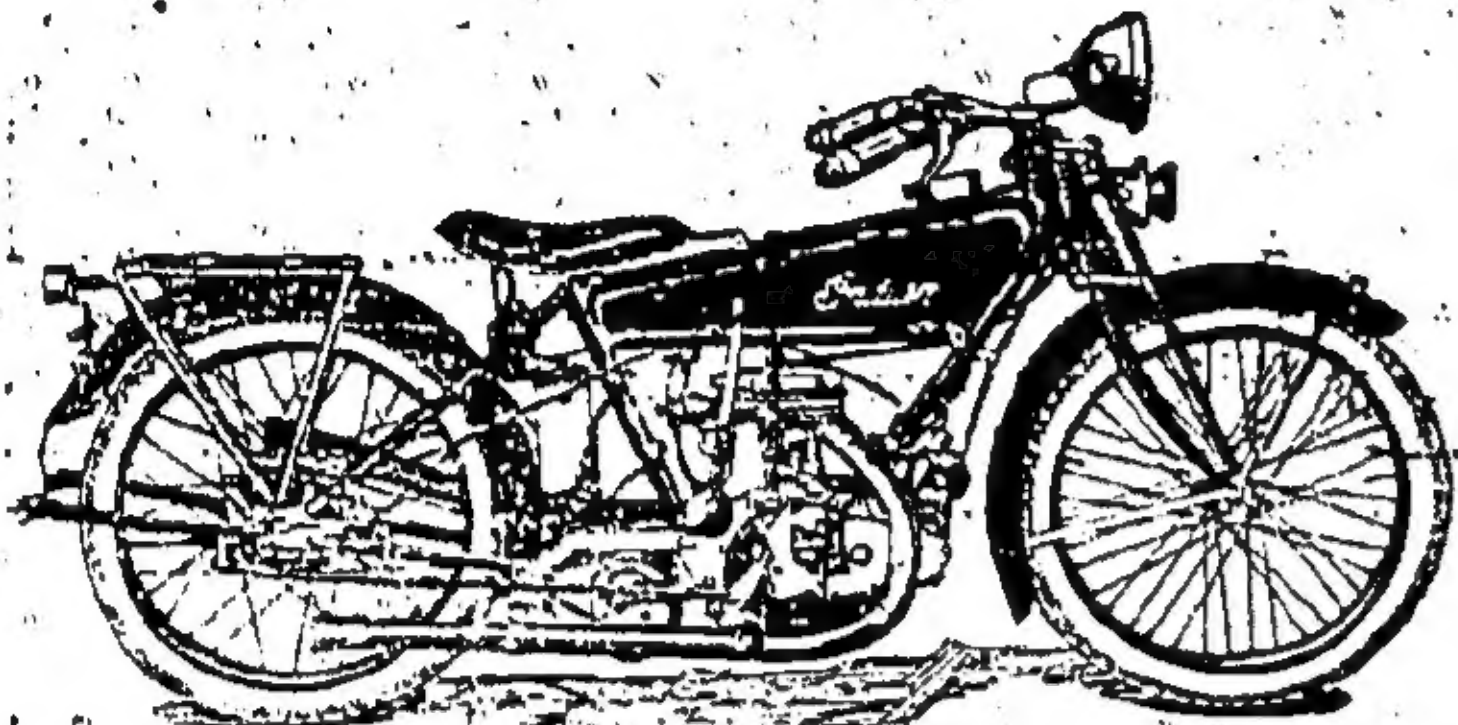
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MORTGAGE ON WATERWORKS.

Mr. WALKER: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen. In proposing Resolution 9 I should like to remark that this mortgage is, essential from the banking point of view. From the ratepayers point of view, we can either float a loan or issue debentures which are very expensive and laborious ways of raising money, and I think we ought to accept the Bankers' stipulation and allow the mortgage to be executed. As your Accountants point out, at the end of ten years our overdraft will disappear and if depreciation for buildings is not allowed for in full we shall then have to consider a loan for rebuilding. In the meantime we might continue to enjoy the privileges extended to us in the past by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Mr. Hogg: Seconded the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: It is proposed by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Hogg that the Ratepayers sanction the execution of a mortgage over the Water Works Buildings, erections and plant on Lot No. 78 in favour of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, as security against the overdraft. I would like to point out to the meeting, however, that the Council has no power whatsoever to execute a mortgage on the land. The land is Government property and a mortgage can only be executed in respect of the buildings. Has anybody got any remarks to make with regard to this resolution before I put it to the meeting?

Mr. WALLIS: I should like to ask whether the Council have to obtain permission of the Bankers for any alteration they wish to make in the mortgage?

Mr. de COURCY: Yes, permission is necessary if the overdraft is to be increased.

The CHAIRMAN: To what extent do we expect to raise money on these valuable buildings?

Mr. PEACOCK: Up to \$100,000,000.

The CHAIRMAN: Those in favour of Resolution No. 9 that.

The Ratepayers sanction the execution of a mortgage over the Waterworks Buildings, erections and plant on Lot No. 78, in favour of the Hongkong and Shanghai Corporation as security against the overdraft.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

THE POLICE FORCE.

The CHAIRMAN: I understand that Resolution No. 11 has been dropped. We now come to No. 10.

That the Council be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the engagement of a foreign Police Superintendent who shall give his whole time to matters in connection with the Police Force at a cost not exceeding \$8,000 per annum.

Mr. PEACOCK: Mr. Chairman, I touched upon this already in my speech and I have very little further to say about it except that I wish to assure ratepayers that this scheme has not been suggested without a great deal of consideration and effort will still be made to obtain a Sergeant seconded from the Hongkong Force and we shall try to economize in every way possible. But as pointed out, it is impossible to carry on without proper supervision of the Police Force. I, therefore, trust that the ratepayers will see eye to eye with the Council on the matter and pass this resolution.

Mr. STAPLES SMITH: Mr. Chairman, Before I second this resolution I would just like to ask the Chairman of the Council if he could not state that it is essential that this Police Superintendent has a knowledge of the Cantonese dialect? I also propose that he make it part of the resolution that the Council be authorized to come to terms with the two late inspectors whom he mentions in his Report. If that could be done, Mr. Chairman, I shall be very pleased to second the resolution.

Mr. PEACOCK: I certainly think it desirable that the officer should have a working knowledge of Cantonese. I do not think, however, that we should not engage a man otherwise suitable simply because he does not know it, as he can study Chinese in the course of his appointment. I do not wish to delay the scheme. As regards Yu Cheong and Ah Yau, I should like to know if the opinion expressed in my speech is the feeling of the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: It is proposed by Mr. Peacock and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Council be authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the engagement of a foreign Police Superintendent who shall give his whole time to matters in connection with the Police Force at a cost not exceeding \$8,000 per annum and that so far as possible he should have a working knowledge of Cantonese. It is perfectly impossible to run a Police Force if he cannot talk directly to the men serving under him and should the Council be unable to secure a suitable person with that qualification we shall have to make an additional allowance for his study of Chinese and increase his pay when he has learned it. I think that efforts should be made by the Council to obtain a man who already knows Cantonese.

Mr. STAPLES SMITH: I fully agree with your remarks.

The motion was then put to the meeting and passed with two dissentients (Messrs. Hogg and Bond voting against).

Mr. PEACOCK: Then referred to the application for employment received from Yu Cheong and Ah Yau. While it was impossible to re-engage them both in the Police Force, with Ah Yau as inspector in place of the present man, he thought that Yu Cheong could be of great use if taken on as a detective, as he knew all the bad characters. Ah Yau was more difficult to place, but he would be a very useful man to have around. Both these men left in July. Anyway, the Council did not like re-engaging them without asking ratepayers for their views, for should they do so and things go wrong they would have no arguments in their favour as they had previously decided

not to take them back. He then read out the application, attached herewith:—

Canton, February 11th, 1925.
The Shamene Municipal Council,
British Concession,
Shamene.

Sirs,—We hope you will excuse us for trespassing upon your leniency and kindness by asking your forgiveness for the part which we involuntarily took in the strike last summer.

We much regret that our failure to restrain the men from leaving their posts have caused you great inconvenience, but as their families were being threatened, naturally they were too terrified to listen to any persuading. In passing we wish to mention that their first intention was to stay on duty and even went so far as to lay in a supply of provisions, but subsequently were unable to tolerate the threatened harm to their wives and children if they did so. Consequent to their deserting the Island and in face of the numerous threats received ourselves, we had no alternative but to take the same course.

We, however, would like to emphasize that although the foregoing circumstances have compelled us to become implicated, we actually took no active part during the dispute, neither are we to this day members of any labour union. Possibly Press reports lacking accuracy, may have misled you to believe that we were playing a prominent role.

If you could kindly see your way to overlook this error of ours and give us an opportunity to redeem ourselves, considering our past records of service, we should only be too glad to re-offer you our services should you care to acquire same any time under whatever terms you may reasonably wish to dictate.—We have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient servants,
(Sd.) No YAU,
(Sd.) Yu Cheong.

Mr. PEACOCK then proposed that the Council be empowered to re-engage Ah Yau and Yu Cheong in the capacity of detectives.

Mr. FARMER seconded the motion, remarking that during his period of service with the Council he had great experience of these two men.

Mr. PEACOCK (in answer to Mr. de Courcy) said that the two had written on behalf of themselves only.

The CHAIRMAN remarked on the excellent English of the application which did not appear to have been composed by the applicants themselves. He did not, however, know what their wages were and was informed that Ah Yau was getting \$85 and Yu Cheong \$45, though they would have to be re-engaged under new terms. If it was a question of the Council cutting down expenses Sir James suggested that only one be taken on, e.g., Yu Cheong. That, however, was merely an expression of his private opinion.

Mr. PEACOCK agreed with the Chairman that it would be better to engage only Yu Cheong, adding that it would test the advisability of having back members of the old Force.

Dr. REYNOLDS, however, pointed out that they already had one detective from the old Police Force, who had previously left the Force before the strike, on account of illness.

Mr. WALKER: I quite agree with your remarks, Mr. Chairman. It is no use talking back Ah Yau immediately, as there is really no post for him. I suggest the Council write to him informing him that his services could not be utilized at the moment, but that we would communicate with him later.

Mr. Hogg: May I ask Mr. Chairman if the present force of Police all talk Cantonese? Are they Cantonese or Hakka?

Mr. PEACOCK: I believe they talk Cantonese, but they are all Hakka.

Mr. Hogg: Are they working in sympathy with the City Police or are they afraid to go into the native city? I think they are very much despised by the Cantonese and perhaps that is one reason why we have so many robberies.

Mr. WALLIS: Not much despised.

Mr. Hogg: The feeling is very much against them. If they are not working with the City Police we may expect more robberies.

Mr. PEACOCK: I think the position will be greatly improved if we have one of the old detectives back again.

The CHAIRMAN: I think that after what I have said and what Mr. Hogg and Mr. Walker have said, this resolution should be made elastic, that the incoming Council be asked to consider the question of re-engaging Ah Yau and Yu Cheong either both or one at a time. I do not think that this so-called recent outbreak of theft or robbery is due to the new Police. My experience of Shamene shows that what happened under the old régime is likely to happen under the new régime, but it would be of assistance to the Council who takes over, the Police duties to have either Ah Yau or Yu Cheong to keep in touch with the city police. I am inclined to agree with Mr. Hogg in his remarks with regard to Hakka and the views the local people have with regard to persons so-called Hakka. They would not be able to work in with the City Police in the same way as a pure Cantonese can do. So, with Mr. Peacock's permission, I would amend the resolution and propose that the Council be instructed to decide as to the re-engagement of Ah Yau and Yu Cheong, and leave it to them to find out whether it would be better to take them back together or only one. But, knowing Chinese as I do, if we take one back and leave the other out, I can see that if Yu Cheong is the person chosen to be our chief detective he would by no means have a very easy time. The other might very easily make difficulties. Has anybody any remarks to make?

Mr. PEACOCK: I accept your amendment, Sir.

The motion was then put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

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THE TELEPHONE SCHEME.

Mr. PEACOCK: I wish to propose, Sir, that the incoming Council be empowered to proceed with the telephone scheme as outlined on the 30th June, when suitable opportunity offers.

Mr. ANNETT seconded the proposal. The CHAIRMAN remarked that he was not present at the meeting of the 30th June and did not know what the Council proposed to do. He put the proposal before the meeting and it was passed, with Dr. Reynolds voting against it.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The next item on the Agenda was the election of officers and as there were only five names submitted, viz.: Mr. J. W. Taylor, Mr. M. A. Annett, Mr. E. U. Reid, Mr. De Courcy, and Mr. Peacock, he declared them elected.

OUTGOING COUNCIL THANKED.

The CHAIRMAN: I have to thank you gentlemen for your attendance here this afternoon and would like to refer again to the importance of punctuality. I take advantage of this opportunity to express on behalf, I think I may say, of all that are present our thanks to the outgoing Council for the way in which they have conducted the business of the Concession during the past year. (Hear, hear.) It was a job that few cared to tackle. It was tackled very successfully and I personally wish to express to them my very grateful thanks for the very efficient work that they did. (Applause.)

Mr. PEACOCK: Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the outgoing Council I beg to thank you.

The meeting then ended.

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COMPANY MEETINGS.

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The thirty-sixth annual general meeting of the Hongkong Electric Company, Ltd., was held at the company's offices, 2, O. Building on Saturday morning. The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, president. The directors present were: The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. B. D. F. Beith and T. G. Weill. The following shareholders were also present: Messrs. G. Murray, T. E. Pearce, Yip Keng Pak, Leung Shiu Law, O. F. Ribeiro, Leung Fat Tin, L. E. Ozorio, J. T. Bagram, G. V. Osmund, L. J. Davies, C. G. Alabaster, W. G. Joseph, O. Baptista, Lo Chung Kue, Wong Ping Sun, Leung Yan Po, F. M. Ellis, H. Ruttonjer, A. A. Alves, J. P. Braga, Tong Hong Fong, Ip Fook, Ng Sui Sau, and Soo Pui Shan.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and I propose with your permission to take them as read. The net profit for the year after making due allowance for depreciation is \$1,325,396.25 and with the sum of \$148,757.39 brought forward from last account we have \$1,474,153.64 for appropriation.

With this sum we propose:—
to pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share on 300,000 shares \$750,000.00
to place to reserve 600,000.00
to carry forward to next account 124,153.64

The dividend is \$2.50 per share compared with \$1.50 for the previous year. In view of contemplated extensions of plant your Directors consider it advisable to make a liberal provision for reserve and consequently the sum of \$600,000 has been set aside for this purpose. The amount carried forward to next account is slightly less than last year.

I trust, Gentlemen, that this proposed allotment of the profits meets with your approval. At the beginning of April we reduced the price of current for lighting and fans from 18 cents per unit to 16 cents per unit, a reduction which has benefited our consumers to the extent of over \$236,000. The sales of current in 1924 amounted to 234 million units, a substantial increase over the output of 18 million units in 1923 and 15 million units in 1922. We have added a further 2,500 consumers to our system, a rate of expansion which your Directors consider satisfactory.

The work of changing the voltage and frequency of our supply to a modern standard was started in 1921 and completed in September 1924. The amount expended on this work during the year under review was \$140,981 and the special reserve of \$100,000 set aside in 1922 has now been utilised and disappears from the balance sheet. The total cost of the change of voltage and frequency has been \$541,373. The work has been one of considerable magnitude and has involved the re-winding of 15,500 fans, the free gift of over 240,000 lamps, the conversion or exchange of 3,400 appliances, and the reconstruction of over 18,000 meters.

We have purchased during the year a piece of land adjoining our North Point Works which will give us a frontage on the new 100ft. road and provide room for future extensions; also a building site for European quarters at Causeway Bay, and sites for substations at Kennedy Town, Mount Cameron and Aberdeen. Building has been commenced on thirteen houses at Causeway Bay and the substations at Mount Cameron and Aberdeen. The first block of workmen's quarters at North Point completed and occupied in April forms a useful addition to our property. A new substation building at West Point was finished towards the end of the year and one of the staff residences has been practically reconstructed. The principal expenditure on plant during 1924 has been in respect of mains which includes the laying of 50,000 yards of underground cable.

An agreement has been entered into with Messrs. Butterfield & Swire for the interchange of energy between their Tai-koo Power Station and our Station at North Point. We believe that this arrangement will be mutually beneficial, and it is hoped to commence operations during 1925.

At our last meeting I stated that we should in the near future require fresh capital and that an issue in the early part of 1925 was contemplated. Since that date we have entered into the arrangement outlined above and this together with the increased profits made in 1924 will enable us to defer for the present the question of a new issue. Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask.

There were no questions submitted.

PROGRAMME OF EXPANSION.

Mr. T. E. Pearce, seconding the adoption of the report, said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I think I may safely say that all your shareholders who have the Company's best interests at heart are entirely satisfied with the proposed allotment of profits. Some few years ago you placed before us a programme of expansion and development which may to some have appeared unnecessarily optimistic. Results have proved the contrary and the figures which we see to-day must be a source of great satisfaction to the management and directors, as it is to the shareholders. The increase of 44 million units of current sold, or 50 per cent. more than in 1923, and the addition of 2,500 consumers to our system are figures which I venture to suggest can be described as more than merely "satisfactory." I think the generous policy adopted when dealing with the change of voltage, and the further reduction in price of current during the year should have well satisfied our customers. We are pleased to learn that provision is being made for further extensions and development; policy which is fully justified by the ever increasing demand for our supplies.

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When I last had the pleasure of seconding the Company's report, I commented on the fact that our charges were considerably cheaper than many of our neighbours' in the East, although some of them are supplied by municipal undertakings. This to-day is still the case, and I feel sure shareholders will support my congratulations to the manager, staff, directors and agents on the way this public utility Company is so ably and successfully managed. (Hear, hear.)

The adoption of the report and accounts was carried unanimously.

The re-election of Messrs. Linstead & Davies as auditors at a remuneration of \$1,000 was proposed by Mr. L. J. DAVIES and seconded by Mr. G. MURRAY, and was carried unanimously.

The election of Messrs. B. D. F. Beith and T. G. Weill to the Board was confirmed on the proposition of Mr. J. T. BAGRAM, seconded by Mr. Yip Yung Pak.

The re-election on the Board of Directors of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang was proposed by Mr. C. G. ALABASTER and seconded by Mr. W. G. JOSEPH, and was unanimously agreed to.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of the general managers, St. George's Building, at 11 a.m. last Saturday. There were present: Messrs. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), H. P. White and Allan Cameron (members of the Consulting Committee), R. F. Hastings (Secretary), F. J. Tavares (Secretary), and the following shareholders—Messrs. C. P. Lammert, Chea Po Min, B. C. Randall, Tong Hok Ting, H. H. Taylor, D. W. Munton, W. J. Hawker, J. Toppin and A. A. Botelho.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, and the report of the proceedings at the meeting held on February 26th 1925.

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen,—This meeting has been called for the purpose of confirming the report of the proceedings at the meeting of the 26th February, and of confirming the resolution then passed as a special resolution. I therefore now beg to propose that the report just read be confirmed, and that the resolution passed on the 26th February, and just read be now confirmed as a special resolution.

This was seconded by Mr. WHITE and carried unanimously. The meeting then terminated.

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SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. UNIVERSITY.

The University entertained the Hongkong Cricket Club first XI at Pokfulam, and had an easy victory. Batting first the University declared at 200, the principal contributors to this fine total being the Rev. E. K. Quick (47) and B. P. Ng (31). The Club fared disastrously, Quick taking six wickets for 13 runs.

Scores:—

UNIVERSITY.

Rev. E. K. Quick, c Ralph, b Young 47

A. A. Rumjahn, c Galloway, b Young 15

H. N. Balhatchet, c and b Vallack 14

B. P. Ng, c Jacks, b Vallack 31

S. Hachuma, c Galloway, b Vallack 18

Prof. F. A. Redmond, c and b Vallack 17

A. S. Hett, c Arthur, b Vallack 7

T. O. Yoch, b Vallack 2

J. L. Youngs, not out 9

C. W. Lam, not out 5

Extras 15

Total (for 8 wickets, dec.) 200

R. A. Ponsonby Fane did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Young 0 17 1 55 2

Vallack 0 15 1 72 8

Matthews 0 4 0 19 0

Morris 0 0 0 23 0

Crutch 0 1 0 13 0

H.K.C.C. "A"

Capt. Morris, c Hachuma, b Lam 4

Col. E. D. Matthews, c Rumjahn, b Lam 0

B. Jacks, c Lam, b Quick 2

M. M. Maas, c Hett, b Quick 25

W. Galloway, b Quick 1

S. A. Arthur, c Balhatchet, b Quick 0

Quick 0 0 0 0 0

T. H. Crutch, c Balhatchet, b Quick 0

Quick 0 0 0 0 0

J. L. Young, not out 0

P. N. Young, b Quick 0

G. R. Vallack, b Rumjahn 0

Extras 9

Total 59

Bowling Analysis.

Lam 0 5 0 28 2

Rev. Quick 0 3 0 15 6

Balhatchet 0 0 0 9 0

Rumjahn 0 3 0 0 1

C.C.C. v. H.K.C.C. "B"

Craigengower were at home to the Hongkong Cricket Club "B," and the match resulted in an easy win for the visitors. C.C.C. batted first, and were disposed of for 102, Bowker taking four wickets for 27. G. R. More did well for the Club, his score of 65 including 14 fours. When the second wicket fell the visitors had passed their opponents' score. Bowker in addition to his good work with the ball, did well with the bat, running up a useful total of 55, before being stumped by Schnepel.

Scores:—

C.C.C.

A. Kitchell, b More 1

H. M. Xavier, b Bowker 4

D. Fritz, c Nicholson, b Lammer 6

B. W. Bradbury, c McNicol, b Bowker 22

T. Grimes, c W. Mackenzie, b More 10

S. Abbas, c McNicol, b Lammer 20

H. C. Reed, b More 7

F. Schnepel, b Lammer 5

E. Hamson, c A. K. Mackenzie, b Bowker 5

Bowker 0 10 5 27 4

F. K. Modi, not out 11

P. A. Dixon, b Bowker 1

Extras 10

Total 102

Bowling Analysis.

Bowker 0 10 5 27 4

More 0 10 5 27 4

E. G. Lammer 0 8 0 35 3

H.K.C.C. "B"

H. E. Hollands, c Bradbury, b Abbas 13

G. R. More, c Modi, b Fritz 65

D. E. G. Nicholson, b Fritz 31

G. Lammer, run out 0

G. Gardner, c Grimes, b Bradbury 0

L. D. McNicol, c and b Fritz 33

A. C. I. Bowker, c Schnepel, b Abbas 35

A. K. Mackenzie, c Schnepel, b Abbas 20

W. W. Mackenzie, c Reed, b Bradbury 1

E. G. Lammer, not out 17

Extras 17

Total (for 8 wickets) 236

Bowling Analysis.

Abbas 0 13 1 77 3

Dixon 0 6 0 52 0

Fritz 0 13 0 54 3

Bradbury 0 5 1 17 2

Reed 0 2 3 19 0

C.C.C. v. EAST SURREYS.

The Civil Service Cricket Club were at home to the East Surrey Regiment and had an easy win. The visitors batted first, and were rapidly disposed of for 86 runs, Evans taking 5 wickets for 10 runs. The C.C.C. reached the visitors' total after 5 wickets had fallen, and then Fincher and Wallington were seen in a fine partnership, each carrying his bat for 46.

Scores:—

EAST SURREY REGIMENT.

Capt. Kent, b Ling 3

Pte. Holliday, b Hamilton 23

Lt. Chidson, run out 2

Capt. Carpenter, c Ling, b Evans 24

Lt. Alfie, b Evans 4

Major Paton, b Evans 4

Bdsm. Wood, b Evans 13

Capt. Rowe, run out 13

Capt. Armstrong, b Ling 8

Lt. Cpl. Fetter, not out 0

Bdsm. Turnham, b Evans 7

Extras 7

Total 86

Bowling Analysis.

Ling 0 8 3 21 2

Baker 0 5 0 8 0

Hamilton 0 7 0 36 1

Evans 0 5 1 9 5

Sayer 0 1 0 4 0

C.C.C.

G. R. Sayer, lb.w., b Rowe 8

F. E. Lawrence, c Carpenter 29

B. D. Evans, c Kent, b Carpenter 21

E. C. Fincher, not out 46

F. J. de Rome, c Armstrong, b Pte. 5

Pte. 0 1 0 4 0

F. Baker, Holliday, b Rowe 1

H. J. Wallington, not out 46

Extras 19

Total (for 5 wickets) 173

Bowling Analysis.

Rowe 0 2 0 46 2

Wood 0 13 0 12 0

Carpenter 0 9 2 31 2

Pte. 0 3 1 10 1

Chidson 0 2 0 6 0

Holliday 0 3 0 16 0

Alfie 0 3 0 20 0

Armstrong 0 1 0 13 0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

I.R.C. v. KOWLOON.

The Kowloon Cricket Club first XI were the visitors of the I.R.C. at the Soekunjo ground, and lost the match by 35 runs. The Indians batted first, and a fine partnership by Madar and O. Ismail put on 88 runs. The last wicket fell when the score stood at 150. Kowloon made a good start, but were all disposed of for 115. Madar took 6 wickets for 27 runs and Overy 6 for 46.

Scores:—

I.R.C.

A. H. Madar, c Lyl, b Overy 38

O. Ismail, b Overy 50

A. H. Rumjahn, c Raven, b Overy 1

S. A. Ismail, c sub, b Overy 3

H. D. Rumjahn, b Overy 10

A. el Arculli, b Overy 10

S. H. Ismail, c Jex, b Lee 10

S. G. Ismail, c and b Goodwin 0

M. B. Kitchell, not out 0

F. M. el Arculli, b Overy 8

A. S. Sufiad, c and b Lee 9

Extras 10

Total 150

Bowling Analysis.

Goodwin 0 8 0 35 1

Lyl 0 3 0 25 0

Overy 0 9 0 46 6

Lee 0 10 0 34 3

KOWLOON.

A. W. Ramsay, c Kitchell, b Madar 55

R. C. Wicheh, c Ismail, b A. el Arculli 5

S. Jex, c Ismail, b A. el Arculli 3

J. C. Lyl, c Ismail, b Madar 2

G. Lee, c and b Madar 2

A. R. F. Raven, b Madar 15

F. Goodwin, c Rumjahn, b Madar 15

G. Smith, c el Arculli, b Rumjahn 0

H. Overy, b Madar 0

O. H. Lyson, not out 4

Extras 21

Total 115

Bowling Analysis.

F. M. el Arculli 0 6 0 25 0

A. el Arculli 0 9 3 24 2

A. H. Madar 0 7 2 27 6

H. D. Rumjahn 0 3 0 17 1

K.C.C. "A" v. H.K.C.C.

The Hongkong Electric Co. visited Kowloon, and were easily defeated by the home "A" eleven. A feature of the game was the fine first-wicket partnership of Petheram and Duncan, who put 121 on the board before they were separated, Petheram's contribution being a well hit 83. The home side declared at 191 for two wickets, Kow carrying his bat for 42. The visitors could only knock up 69. Long gave a good display behind the wicket, keeping the bays down to nil, the one extra shown being a wide, which he duly gathered.

Bowling Analysis.

Abbas 0 13 1 77 3

Dixon 0 6 0 52 0

Fritz 0 13 0 54 3

Bradbury 0 5 1 17 2

Reed 0 2 3 19 0

A regrettable accident occurred during the course of the visitors' innings, J. F. Lunny receiving a nasty cut above the nose from a ball which got up sharply at the Austin Road end. First aid was at once rendered, and eventually the injured batsman was removed to hospital, where two stitches were put in the wound.

Scores:—

KOWLOON.

B. Petheram, b Way 83

L. A. R. Duncan, c Easterbrook, b Way 27

A. J. Kew, not out 42

E. G. Renton, not out 14

Extras 25

Total (for 2 wickets) 101

Bowling Analysis.

D. S. Green, W. Hill, J. C. Long, W. F. J. Gorvin, E. G. Jordan, J. S. Cox, and E. O. Murphy did not bat.

Musket 0 13 4 40 0

Glass 0 3 0 10 0

Stanesby 0 7 1 47 0

Easterbrook 0 10 0 36 0

Way 0 7 2 33 2

H.K.C.C.

F. Paul, b Gorvin 13

Stanesby, b Duncan 3

C. B. Easterbrook, b Gorvin 1

W. B. Musket, c Hill, b Duncan 1

L. de Rome, not out 32

J. R. Way, b Petheram 28

J. Glass, b Petheram 0

J. F. Lunny, retired hurt 0

J. Clarke, c Petheram, b Gorvin 2

G. F. Padgett, run out 2

S. J. Squire, c Hill, b Gorvin 1

Extras 1

Total 68

Bowling Analysis.

Gorvin 0 14 4 26 4

Duncan 0 5 0 16 2

Hill 0 3 0 14 0

Petheram 0 3 2 7 2

C.R.C. v. NAVY.

The Navy were too strong for the Chinese R.C. on the latter's ground, and won easily by 118 runs. The visitors batted first, and six batsmen secured double figures, the innings realising a total of 184. The Chinese

QUEEN'S COLLEGE O.B.A. THE ANNUAL DINNER. A CONVIVIAL GATHERING.

A very happy and convivial company, numbering close on 300, assembled in the Central Hall of Queen's College on Saturday evening, the occasion being the annual dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association.

The function was indeed a very convivial one, and everything possible was done to give pleasure to the guests. As they arrived, they entered the College by way of the stone stairway in front of the building, above which was suspended gaily-coloured electric fairy lamps; while strings of these lights were hung across the entrance to the main building. The stairs ascending to the Central Hall were laid with red carpet, and at the top in the vestibule there was a profusion of plants and fernery. Inside the Central Hall, where dinner was served, the sublime of decoration was decidedly attractive and artistic. First of all the attention was captured by the numerous chains of coloured lamps, nicely relieved by strings of Chinese and Japanese lanterns, and a good supply of flags and bunting hung around the balcony above the floor level.

Immediately in the centre of the Hall, was hung a huge coloured lantern; while in every available nook there was an artistic arrangement of plants and ferns. At one end of the dining hall the letters "Q.C.O.B.A." were tastefully picked out in the form of electrically illuminated painted glass shields. The most pleasing picture, however, were the many tables, these being very tastefully laid and dressed simply but attractively with sweet peas.

Among the large number of guests present were Mr. George Grimble (President of Q.C.O.B.A.), who presided, Mr. Bertram Tanner (Headmaster of the College and vice-president of the O.B.A.), Mr. Lee Hysan (vice-president of the O.B.A.), Sir Robert Ho Tung (a past vice-president), Mr. E. A. Ralphs, Mr. R. E. O. Bird, Mr. Green, Mr. B. Wyke, Mr. E. J. Edwards, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Lai Hin To (treasurer of the O.B.A.), Mr. Ho Wing, Mr. C. G. Anderson (secretary of the O.B.A.), Mr. A. Ramjohn, Mr. Ho Fook and Mr. Lo.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The President (Mr. Geo. Grimble) addressed the company in a speech from which the following is an extract:

"As good wine needs no bush, a good cause needs little talking, and I feel therefore, gentlemen, that Queen's College can stand its ground without being hesitated by after dinner praise. I am quite sure there is not a member of the Q.C. Old Boys' Association who would not feel proud of any language I could use on this occasion when cracking up our old College. For the information of our guests—whom we most cordially welcome here to-night—I would tell them that the Association is a body which numbers now about 700 members, and it is not resting satisfied with this figure."

Since our last reunion in this hall I am glad to state that the Association has allotted sufficient funds for the permanent endowment of two annual scholarships of \$50, each to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Tang Chung, and the late Mr. Ng Yu. And I think I can promise that as time goes on, and our funds increase, this Association will earnestly endeavour to continue to discharge its duties in this manner, a manner that should result in gaining the good opinion of everybody connected with the College. (Applause.)

The presence here to-night of the first President of our Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung, is a gratifying evidence of his unwaning interest in Queen's College. We are proud to think that one of our own schoolmates represented Hongkong as the Honorary Associate Commissioner at Wembley. Sir Robert's doings in England last year received world-wide publicity. He will be long remembered too by all well-wishers of China for his efforts in connection with the peace movement. His services to the neighbouring Colony of Macao led to recognition by the Portuguese Government in his being decorated with the knighthood of the most Ancient Order of Christ.

In conclusion, gentlemen, it is, with very great regret that I have to inform you that this is the last occasion on which we shall have our much-respected Vice-President, Mr. Tanner, with us at our annual reunions. He has exercised the powers with which he has been invested with firmness and moderation, and I am positive that when the time comes for him to render up the trust it will be found that the dignity and prestige of his honourable office has received nothing but good at his hands. We all know that Mr. Tanner faithfully and honestly discharges his duties with a perfect abnegation of self. Gentlemen, I ask you to rise and drink a bumper to Queen's College. May it continue to flourish and go on producing such scholars as it has done in the past. I beg to couple this toast with Mr. Tanner's name.

The toast was taken with musical honours.

(Continued on next Column).

THE SAILORS' HOME. PROPOSED TRANSFER TO KOWLOON. NEW SITE FOR ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

It is proposed to introduce into the Legislative Council shortly a Bill to provide for the incorporation of the Trustees of the Sailors' Home, Hongkong, for reasons given in the following statement by the Attorney-General which is attached to the draft of the Bill published in the current issue of the *Government Gazette*.

The object of this Bill is to create a corporation to be known as "The Trustees of the Sailors' Home in Hongkong," to appoint the first trustees, and to vest in the new corporation the Crown lease of the land on which the present Sailors' Home stands.

The present Sailors' Home was provided by the community, the site being given by the Government and the cost of the buildings being defrayed by public subscription. The original Crown lessees, who were practically trustees of the Sailors' Home, have all died, and the Home has for many years been conducted by an informal committee which grew out of the body composed of the original Crown lessees.

The present site has become quite unsuitable for the purposes of a Sailors' Home, and it is proposed to transfer the Home to a site in Kowloon immediately to the south of Signal Hill. There is no person or body at present who has any legal right to deal with the existing site. Accordingly the Bill proposes to create a corporation consisting of the members of the present informal committee and to vest the present site in the new corporation. The members of the present committee who will be the members of the new corporation, have agreed informally to surrender the existing site and buildings to the Crown, and the Government have undertaken to grant to the corporation the proposed new site in Kowloon and to provide the sum of \$300,000 for the erection, furnishing and endowment of the new Home.

St. Peter's Church was erected in the year 1871 on a portion of the present site of the Sailors' Home. The cost of the building was defrayed by subscriptions raised in the Colony and elsewhere and by a grant of \$2,500 by the Government. The total cost appears to have been about £1,500 or \$7,500. The site of the church is required for the purposes of a police station, and the authorities of the church would prefer to have it in a quieter neighbourhood than the present one. The Government accordingly propose to grant a new site for the church and to contribute the sum of \$50,000 for the erection of a new church.

Mr. B. TANNER (Headmaster of the College and a Vice-President of the Q.C.O.B.A.), responding to the toast, said that the aim of Queen's College was to keep up in every way possible the old spirit and traditions of the school, and to do everything to give their boys a sound and wholesome diet of education, just as parents provided wholesome food for growing children.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, in a brief and whimsical speech, said he thought the President and they in asking him to speak were out of order. First he was not expected to speak, secondly he had not prepared a speech and what was more, after the eloquent speeches made by the previous speakers, how could he speak. What was there left for him to say. He was in a dilemma. He thanked the President for the remarks he had passed about him (the speaker) and which he much appreciated. It was very gratifying to learn that the number of old Queen's College boys was on the increase, and for this, he was sure they would agree with him, they had to thank their President, the Hon. Secretary and the Committee, and those who had worked with them. He noticed one feature about Mr. Tanner and that was, despite his 27 years of strenuous work in Queen's College in a tropical climate, he had managed to keep his youth wonderfully well. (Applause.) To his dear old fellow students he would say that he had enjoyed the nice dinner immensely and he hoped they would all have perfect health and long life and be able to come to these dinners for at least the next fifty years. (Laughter and applause.)

The latter part of the evening was devoted to the rendering of the following concert programme:

School Song, Mr. E. J. Edwards.
Violin Solo, "Kujawiak" (by Weimawsky), Mr. H. S. Yung, accompanied by Dr. C. C. Wang.
Trio, "Q.C. The Triplets."
Chinese Musical Item, Mr. Pun In Tat and Mr. Tai Shui Sheng.
Song, Mr. Alfred Lee.
Chinese Musical Item, Mr. Pun In Tat and Mr. Tai Shui Sheng.
Assault at Arms, Mr. "Kid" Marriott and Mr. Lai Sz Chiu.

LOCAL SPORT.

WEEK-END YACHTING.

RACE FOR COMMODORE'S CUP.

During the week-end yacht races took place from the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club for the presented cups in the racing classes and the Commodore's Cup.

The former events took place on Saturday afternoon, thirteen yachts competing. There were four cups to be won altogether, one for each class participating. These cups are given each year by the winners of the season's races in their own class to be raced for by the remainder of their class.

The various yachts were started from the Club from 2.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m., and the course was as under:—Quarry Bay, Cust Rock, Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rocks, and finishing at the Yacht Club, a distance of about 8 miles.

On account of a misunderstanding as to the correct course to be taken, some of the competitors taking part in the Roller Cup Handicap Class and the Me Sing Cup G Class, went around Lyman Beacon, instead of taking the shortened course which was decided on at the last minute. The result was that these two classes will have to sail the race for these two cups again. The one design class (Ailsa Cup) and Y Class (Boojam Cup) completed the correct course.

The results were as under:—

ROLLER CUP, HANDICAP CLASS. (To be sailed).		
	Handicap.	Corrected Finishing Time.
Falcon	00.44	5.37.43
Diana	01.07	6.00.19
Dorothy	06.03	6.22.25

AILSA CUP, ONE DESIGN CLASS. (Decided).		
Daphne	01.07	5.39.17
Malvern	01.40	5.49.38

BOOJAM CUP, Y CLASS. (Decided).		
Crusade	01.07	5.48.01
Skyhawk	01.07	5.47.41
Blossom	01.07	5.47.41
Gladys	01.07	6.08.17

ME SING CUP, G CLASS. (To be sailed).		
Joan	01.07	5.44.40
Pierette	01.20	5.53.47
Guel	01.20	5.58.46

THE COMMODORE'S CUP.

Yesterday the cruises re-sailed their race for the Commodore's Cup. The start was made from Murray Pier at 10.30 a.m., five starting altogether. The race was one of mixed breezes and calms, sometimes one competitor getting ahead and then being held up in a following calm.

The results were as under:—

	Corrected Finishing Time.
U and I	3.37.40
La Cigale	3.49.47
Norseman	5.11.19

The other two yachts competing, failed to finish the course.

U and I wins the Commodore's Cup; La Cigale, the Commodore's Cup; and Norseman, the Rear-Commodore's Cup.

HONGKONG PORTS.

The following notes are from the fortnightly circular of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce dated March 13th:—

Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—The market remains lifeless, and no sales of any importance are reported. Dealers appear quite disinterested and indifferent to movements of either cotton and cloth prices or exchange. Clearances are relatively very poor. Mid-American cotton, was quoted 14-14 in Liverpool on the 12th inst., and Esakalleries 38.85.

Cotton Yarn.—A few hundred bales have changed hands at a reduction of \$2 per bale, but dealers have again stopped buying. Matters have become worse owing to the strike of batmen in Canton. Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s at \$215 to \$220, No. 12s at \$218 to \$222, No. 16s at \$220 to \$240, No. 20s at \$220 to \$223. Arrivals, 3,500 bales. Shipments, nil. Sales, 1,000 bales. Unsold stock, 12,700 bales. Bargains, 4,000 bales.

Woolfens.—Very little business being transacted, as market is extremely dull.

Raw Cottons.—There is no change to report.

Metals.—Market dull, nothing doing.

Flour Market Report.—Stock, 750,000 sacks. Market steady. Quotations (per sack):—American patent flour, \$4.60; American straight, \$4.40; American cut off, \$4.30; Shanghai, \$3.80; Australian No. 1, \$4.40; Canadian flour, \$3.30. Syndries.—Market quiet. Sugar.—Demand improving. Saltpetre.—Quiet market since last report.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

RETURNED FOR BURIAL.

The remains of 144 dead Chinese from Kobe, Japan, were shipped back to South China for burial in the land of their birth recently. They will be buried at Sah-ho, near Canton City, unless friends or relatives claim them for burial in the cemeteries of their own clans or villages. The Tung Wah Hospital of Hongkong and the Lok Shin Hospital of Canton are in charge of the arrangements. It has been the practice of Chinese abroad to send the remains of their fellow-countrymen home to China for burial. Remains of overseas Chinese sometimes come all the way from Boston back to China.

A WELCOME CHANGE.

General Fan Shek Shang of the 2nd Yunnanese Corps in Canton, before his departure for Yuchow with his troops, instead of commandeering private vessels for service without compensation, surprised the Canton public by asking the Canton Shipping Guild to charter for him 13 steam launches and assigned an agreement to pay for the service.

THE CONVENIENT HOSPITAL.

The Fong Pin or Convenient Hospital at Canton, during 1924, picked up and buried 1,158 corpses from Canton streets, according to its last annual report, thus shedding light on some of the incidents which took place there last year. In 1924, the Fong Pin also provided free of charge 4,058 coffins for the poor. In its hospital, the Fong Pin took care of 11,554 patients, in spite of all these services, the hospital in 1924 spent only \$120,836.

PROPOSED LOAN TO PEKING.

The commercial bodies in Canton, according to the *22 Guila Commercial Journal*, will be unable to participate in the proposed \$200,000,000 loan to the Peking Government, because of the present unsettled conditions in their midst. Since February 27th, there has been talk of commercial bodies in Peking, Tientsin, Shanghai, and Hankow going to the financial aid of the Provisional Government on certain conditions.

TAXING PROPERTY OF CHARITIES.

By a ruling of the Civil Governor, the properties held by the several charitable institutions of Canton, long exempt from government taxation, because of the nature of their service, will henceforth be treated like corporation property and subjected to taxation. A strong protest by the charitable organizations is expected because it is felt that many institutions are performing services which should be done by the Government itself and that it is the duty of the Government to assist, and not further to burden them with a tax.

THE LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

PUBLIC MOURNING AT CANTON.

Mourning for the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen will be observed at Canton, the *Canton Gazette* says, in the following manner:—

1. All public offices, both civil and military, and the navy shall fly the national flag at half-mast for one month, beginning from March 12th to April 11th.

2. All civil and military officials shall refrain from attending feasts and banquets for one month.

3. The public shall stop all entertainments and amusements for seven days.

4. Civil and military officials shall wear a black band on the left arm, for one month.

5. All troops shall wear similar bands on the left arm and tie black strips around bayonets, for one month.

6. All official seals and chops used on all documents and dispatches shall be impressed in blue (ink) for one month.

Messages of condolence were telegraphed to Mrs. Sun Yat Sen and Mr. Sun Fo by Mr. Hu Maan Min, Civil Governor; Mr. C. C. Wu, Foreign Minister, and Mr. C. C. Wu in his message said: "Words fail to express the deep grief felt at the irreparable loss which the Nation sustains by his death. Although we shall never hear his voice, his selfless patriotism, his indomitable leadership and his supreme courage will forever remain an example to guide and inspire future generations of Chinese. Upon us, the younger men and women of to-day, rests the sacred duty of carrying on the great work to which the Father of the Republic dedicated his life."

HO MUN TIN ROBBERY.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN THE HOUSE.

It was stated before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Saturday, when five men were charged with the armed robbery perpetrated at the residence of Mr. D'Almeida Remedios at Ho Mun Tin recently, that one of the accused was employed at Mr. Remedios' house, and that the others were boys in the employ of Mr. Remedios' relatives.

Det-Inspector Pincott who had charge of the case produced a quantity of the stolen property including some jewellery. He also said that a sixth arrest had been made in Canton and that the accused would be brought to Hongkong. The case was adjourned to enable the police to complete their investigation.

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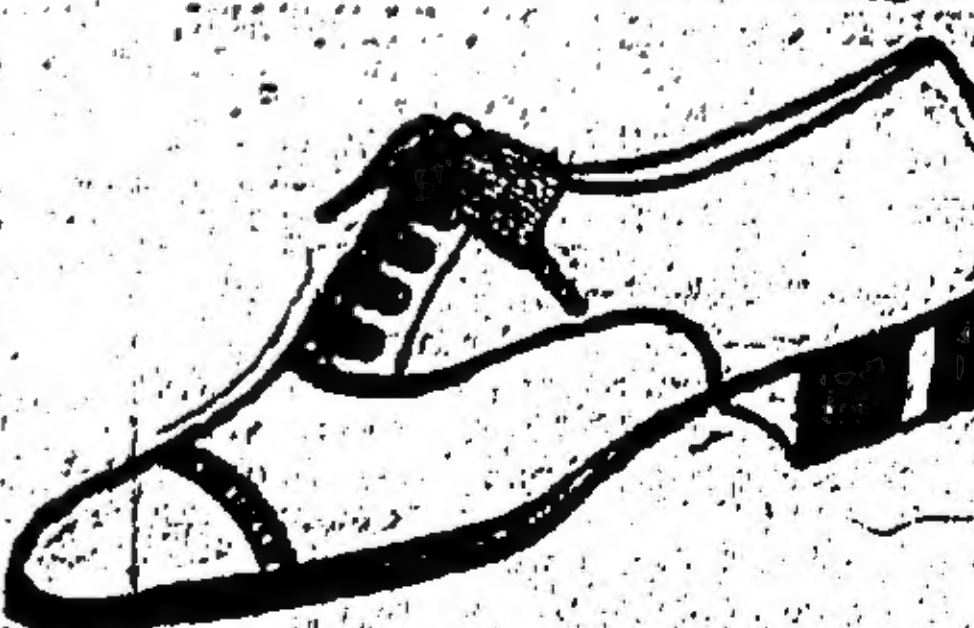
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1925, at 4 o'clock precisely in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CITY HALL, for the following purposes—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1924.
 2. To elect a New Committee.
 3. To transact any General Business.
- By Order,
M. F. KEY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1925. [1925]

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

IT is proposed to hold a DINNER in the Club House, North Point, on FRIDAY EVENING, the 20th INSTANT, at 8 o'clock p.m., in honor of the Rowing Crew who were successful in the recent Interport Events at Manila. Will Members proposing to be present please notify the Undersecretary stating the Name of Guest accompanying them, if any, Not Later Than TUESDAY, the 17th INSTANT.

A. W. TICKLE,
Hon. Secretary.
c/o P.W.D.
[1925]

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st MARCH, 1925, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The First Race will be Run at 2.00 p.m. The Charges for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure. Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LORRAINE & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 20th MARCH. The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present. [1925]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following are the Revised Dates on which EXTRA RACE MEETINGS are to be held this Season— 17th and 18th APRIL, 2nd MAY, 30th MAY and 1st JUNE, 10th and 12th OCTOBER, 7th NOVEMBER, and 5th DECEMBER. [1925]

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Plan and Specifications can be obtained from the Treasurer on application. The CHEFOO HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION does not bind itself to accept the Lowest or any of the Tenders submitted. [1925]

BRITISH CONCESSION, TIENTSIN.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL is prepared to Receive Applications for the Post of OUTDOOR ASSISTANT in the Public Works Department. Candidates must have Knowledge of Mechanical Engineering. Commencing Salary—£250 Per Month.

The Council have a Vacancy also for an ASSISTANT ENGINEER. Candidates must have a Degree of Applied Science or the Equivalent Qualification. Commencing Salary—£400 Per Month.

Applications in Both Cases should state Age, Nationality, whether Married, and Previous Experience.

Copies of References are Required. Applications must be Received here Not Later Than 31st MAY 1925. Addressed to the SECRETARY, BRITISH MUNICIPALITY, TIENTSIN.

[1925]

INTIMATIONS

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1924.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th day of March, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 10th March, 1925. [1925]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1924. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 30th MARCH, 1925, (both days inclusive). By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1925]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Union Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th DAY OF MARCH, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, viz— "That out of the Unissued Capital of the Society there be issued 25,000 Shares of £10 each credited as paid-up to the extent of £24 per Share making for dividend and all other respects par with the Shares of the Society already issued; and that the said additional Shares shall so far as shall be necessary for the purpose be allotted to those Shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the offer of the Society made to them on the 3rd day of December, 1924 (being an offer to acquire Shares in the Association on the basis of the allotment of One Share in the Society in exchange for Six Shares in the Association); and that the balance (if any) of the said additional Shares may be allotted and disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Dated the 9th day of March, 1925. By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, General Manager. [1925]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th MARCH, 1925, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 Noon to 1.30 p.m. OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES, &c.

Comprising— Money Chests, Spring Balances, Galvanized Tubing, Dinghies, Whalers, Gigs, Balsa Rafts, Boats Sails, Electrical and Wireless Telegraphy Fittings, Carbons, Electric Cable, Cooking Stoves, Ships, Fittings, and Fireworks Gear, Iron Beds, Mattresses and Fittings, Life Rafts, Bells, Carps, Bags, Mats, Table Covers, Blankets, Counters, Curtains, Overcoats, Canvas, India Rubber and Metallic Hoses and Tubing, Old Canvas, Canvas Bags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old Wooden and Linen Bags, Old Ammunition, Old Lead Battery Plates, Old Iron and Steel, Old Brass, Copper, Lead and Zinc, Copper and Brass Tubes, Coal Sacks, Brown Jean, Wood and Iron Blocks, Lamps and Fittings, Gauges, Steel Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty Mineral Oil, Anchors, Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling and Grinding Machines, Lathes, Steel Grinders, Drills, Pumps, Cutters and Dynamo Engines, Tables, Compasses, Bunches, Logs, Clocks, Iron Drums, Old Packing Cases, Packing Boards, Old Carls, Riggering, Chain, Buoys, Wire Brushes, Glass Tubes, Slide Scuttles, Batches, Aerials, Forges, Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Ironmongery, Pneumatic Drills, Filters, &c., &c.

Lots may be inspected on MONDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1925. ALSO SALE OF OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES at KOWLOON ON FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, 1925. Comprising—Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, &c., Remnants, Blankets, Sundry Articles of Mess and Table Gear, (including Electro-Plated Ware), Clothing, Condensed Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c. Terms of Sale—As detailed in Catalogue.

LAMBERT BROTHERS, By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty. Hongkong, 5th March, 1925. [1925]

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INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924. The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., General Managers. Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1925]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 20, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 21st of MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th of MARCH, to the 27th of MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive. DOUGLAS, MACDONALD & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 13th March, 1925. [1925]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Messrs. STANLEY, on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., General Agents. Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1925]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to CHU KWONG LAN of 312, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4444 dated Thirtieth day of November, 1907, for Shares numbered 1423 to 1429, both inclusive, and 7101 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty days from the Date hereof No Claim or representation is made in respect of such Original Certificate in made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates. Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925. T. A. CLARK, Secretary and Manager. [1925]

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CITY HALL.

MONDAY, 16th MARCH, 1925, at 4.30 p.m.

CELLO RECITAL.

THE DISTINGUISHED RUSSIAN CELLIST MR. SERGE STOOPIN. At the Piano—MR. HARRY ORE. ADMISSION—\$2.51. BOOKING at ANDERSON'S. [1925]

TO LET.

FROM JUNE 1st, 1925, Two OFFICE ROOMS on 2nd FLOOR, NEW BANK BUILDING. Most suitable for Share or Exchange Brokers. Apply to SANG KEE, same Building. [1925]

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Letters are lying at this Office for Borneo—XII, XI, XS, YI, 39, 40, 889, 979, 1609, 1890.

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DEATHS.

BETT—At Tebury (Glos.), on February 11th, EMILY SARAH, widow of G. W. BETT, late of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, aged 66 years. CAMPBELL—At St. Brannocks, Eastbourne, on February 11th, after a brief illness, MARY ELIZABETH, widow of ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, late of Shanghai, China. COLLIER—At Queen Anne's Mansions, S.W.1, on February 15th, suddenly, of heart failure, HENRY COLLIER, for many years of Seoul, Korea, aged 75. JONES—At a London nursing home, on February 14th, EDITH KATHLEEN, the wife of DAVID EDWIN JONES, Kobe.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road. London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 16TH, 1925.

BRITISH NAVAL PROTECTION IN CHINESE WATERS.

WHEN it was announced about a month ago in the House of Commons by the First Lord of the Admiralty that the necessity for additional naval protection in the waters adjacent to this Colony was being considered by the Admiralty we looked forward to the Naval Estimates, which annually fall to be presented to the House of Commons in the month of March, to afford some evidence of the result of the Admiralty's decision in the matter. Reuter's cable, giving a brief summary of the First Lord's Memorandum on the Naval Estimates, however, furnishes no new information on the subject. In his references to the strain on the resources of the China Station caused by piracy on the Yangtze and Canton rivers, all it tells us about the position in the vicinity of Hongkong is that "useful service is being performed by river launches provided by the Hongkong Government and manned by the Navy." That statement adds nothing to what was said by Mr. BRIDGMAN in the House of Commons, on February 18th, when replying to Viscount SANDON who asked "whether better provision would be made by the Navy for protecting British trade in China waters against piracy." The only new fact in the First Lord's Memorandum is that the gunboats on the Yangtze are to be gradually replaced because they are rapidly nearing the end of their effective

life, and that four new motor launches have been sent out to the Yangtze. To that extent, it is to be inferred, the naval protection of British trade on the Yangtze has been strengthened. We have still to wait, however, for the decisions taken by the Admiralty on the urgent representations made on the subject of strengthening the naval patrols in the waters adjacent to Hongkong, contained in the "Minority Report" of the Committee appointed by the Hongkong Government to consider the local Anti-Piracy Regulations with a view to making them more effective. Possibly, when the First Lord drew up his Memorandum on the Naval Estimates, the Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty had not had an opportunity of seeing the full text of that Report, or the covering dispatch of H.E. THE GOVERNOR in which he urged that "the Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty should, in the interests of British trade and prestige, so strengthen the naval forces here as to provide for the establishment of a system of patrols which will be adequate to safeguard ships from external attack, and when, coupled with reasonable measures of self-protection on board to make attempts at piracy from within too hazardous." It is evident from the question asked in the House of Commons a month ago, that there are members interested in this question: and, since the inquiry made by Viscount SANDON a month ago is unanswered in the First Lord's Memorandum, we may reasonably expect further references to the subject in the forthcoming debate on the Naval Estimates. The case for a strengthening of the naval patrols is that it is the province of the Navy to protect commerce, particularly British commerce, against the depredations of pirates, and that it is intolerable that merchant ships of the class plying in the Canton Delta, or on the coast, should have to be converted into "cannon-forts, fortified, garrisoned and defended": and the existing defences being not only unduly burdensome to the owners of these ships, but a real danger to passengers and crew in the event of a maritime casualty. In the opinion of the Senior Naval Officer in charge of West River patrols, if five more armed launches were provided and manned by officers and men of the Royal Navy, the carrying of large armed guards on ships, and the sailing in convoy could be abolished and the system of grilles could be very much decreased. Moreover, an adequate patrol system would provide much-needed protection for the enormous traffic with Hongkong in junk bottoms towed by launches, many of which fly the British flag. Are we to get those five more armed launches? The First Lord's Memorandum on the Naval Estimates leaves this question unanswered.

At Fanning, yesterday, Mrs. Morrison won the Ladies' Golf Championship of the Colony, when she defeated Mrs. Hornell by 4-3. Mr. F. Clowes has been appointed Hon. Architect to St. John's Cathedral on the retirement of Mr. W. L. Leake who has gone Home. A Chinese was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital on Saturday suffering from injuries sustained by falling from a motor-bus at Lai Chi Kok. A Chinese salesman and a messenger coolie were charged on Saturday with having stolen clothing from the shop of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw. An earth-quake fell down the hillside above the cemetery on Saturday, and received injuries which necessitated his removal to the Government Civil Hospital. It is officially notified that information has been received from the Secretary of State that the jurisdiction of the Austrian Consul at Shanghai has been extended so as to include Hongkong. The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended on March 13th, shows 1 imported British case of enteric fever, 1 Chinese case of small-pox, and 1 case of diphtheria, also Chinese. We have received from the Chinese Maritime Customs Administration the "List of Lighthouses, Light-vessels, Buoys and Beacons on the Coast and Rivers of China 1925." It constitutes a volume of 85 pages. The List gives the name of the district and the name of the mark, its position, a description and "remarks" on each light.

Surgeon-Captain H. J. Chater has been appointed to H.M.S. Tawar and for duty at the Royal Naval Hospital, Hongkong.

Senhor A. de Bianchi, of the Portuguese Embassy in London, has been appointed Portuguese Minister in Peking.

Rev. Eustace Strong, British chaplain in Yokohama, sailed from Liverpool, on February 14th, via route for Japan.

The late Mr. Frederick-James Jago, at one time manager of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. in Singapore, left £13,603 (English property).

A stowaway named Schaal Bothovsky, describing himself as a native of Palestine, was discovered on board the s.s. *Angkor* which arrived in Hongkong yesterday.

Commander H. M. Correia da Silva, who was Governor of Macao in 1921-2, has accepted the portfolio of Minister for the Colonies in the Portuguese Cabinet.

A spark from a chatty was responsible on Saturday for setting fire to a warehouse in Chatham Road, Kowloon. At the time a theatrical performance was being played in an adjoining building of the same type.

Commander C. J. Crocker, D.S.O., began duty as the Admiralty in the Intelligence Division of the Naval Staff on February 18th. He was formerly Senior Officer of the West River Patrol, on the China Station, and during the war commanded monitor M.22.

Frank Kagan, an unemployed seaman, has reported to the police that he was robbed of a leather wallet containing money and a pair of spectacles whilst he lay asleep on the steps of the Seamen's Institute in the early hours of Saturday morning. The total value being \$24.

The following information appears in the latest orders of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps—The under-mentioned have qualified as "marksmen" and are entitled to wear the badge for one year: Pte. H. G. B. Burns, No. 1 Platoon (90 points); Pte. G. E. Falkner, No. 2 Platoon (94 points); Piper G. Nisbet, Pipe Band (91 points).

The Harbour Master announces that firing will take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon and 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. to-morrow, from a gun situated one mile to the Eastward of Castle Peak Bay Latitude 22° 23' North, Longitude 113° 58' East on Admiralty Chart No. 1180. Firing will take place in the direction of the West Brother and shipping is warned accordingly to keep clear of the area between San Chan Island and the East Brother. In the event of the weather being unsuitable the firing will be postponed until Wednesday.

The Shanghai and Paoshan District Assemblies have telegraphed to Marshal Chang Tso Lin, suggesting that, in lieu of the collection of the "rent tax" and the issue of "debtenture bonds" to meet the expenses of the 1st National (Fengtien) Army, the Shanghai Arsenal and its properties should be sold to cover this item and to repay all debts that may be outstanding, including return of the money which was collected by means of a similar "tax" levied by General Ho Feng Ling, former Military Governor of Shanghai and Sungking.

The King held an investiture at Buckingham Palace on February 12th, at which a large number of those whose names appeared in the New Year Honours List were invested with the insignia of the various Orders and received decorations. Among those who received the King's Police Medal was Mr. William Conlay, Commissioner of Police, Federated Malay States. He has rendered prolonged service, distinguished by special merit and ability, and has achieved considerable success in organising the Police Force of the Federated Malay States. Mr. George Bond-Huggins, formerly apprentice on the s.s. *Howa* (Cable), was awarded the Board of Trade Silver Medal for gallantry in saving life at sea during the typhoon at Hongkong when the s.s. *Luning* was sunk.

The late Mr. James Maxwell Grant, Proprietor of Balkin House, Wigtonshire, a director of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, who died in Calcutta on December 14th, aged 65, left £219,793 (net personality £213,735). He gave £200 to the Staff Provident Fund of the Oriental Club, and subject to a life interest he left his residuary estate for a trust fund, one-half to be applied for inquiry into the nature, cause, prevention, treatment, and cure of tuberculosis, and one-half for similar inquiry regarding cancer, as a board of special trustees shall decide. This board is to consist of the chairman for the time being of Barclays Bank, Ltd., the chairman for the time being of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, the president of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, and the president of the Law Society.

LOCAL WEDDING.

DAYTON—MARSH.

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Saturday, of Mr. J. T. V. Dayton, Chief Officer of the *Terloo* Wan, 71, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dayton, of Carduelton, Melbourne, and Miss Maud Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, of the Naval Yard, Kowloon. The Rev. George Arrowsmith officiated. The bride who was given away by her father was attired in a dress of white silk, trimmed with silver lace and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Edith Marsh who was attired in a dress of lavender crepe de chine, trimmed with silver lace, and carrying a bouquet of lavender sweet peas, was the bridesmaid. The bride's mother wore a white gardenia costume. Mr. B. Neale was best man and Mr. Oliver was the organ.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHAMPION OF LEAGUE.

FRANCE AN RALLYING POINT FOR PEACEFUL NATIONS.

PARIS, March 15th.

M. Briand, in an interview with a representative of *Le Figaro*, expressed his gratification on the achievements of the meeting of the Council of the League of Nations.

He stated that despite the failure of the Protocol, the League had become stronger thanks to the settlement of many difficult problems. France, he said, is now awaiting the new British proposals concerning the Protocol.

France, in proposing obligatory arbitration of all conflicts, had become the champion for the essential idea of the League, and the rallying point for all nations aspiring to peace.—*Herald*.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

COUNCIL PLEASED AT GERMANS' DESIRE TO JOIN.

POLISH POINT IN DANZIG.

GENEVA, March 14th.

Replying to Germany's Note of Dec. 2nd last, the League Council notes with satisfaction Germany's decision to seek early admission to the League. It reassures Germany she will be on a footing of equality with other members. The reply points out that the essence of the League's Constitution is equal rights and equal obligations. This principle applies to Germany's reservation as regards non-participation in punitive undertakings.

The reply explains that the character and extent of any member's active co-operation in military measures in pursuance of the Covenant vary with the military position of the member concerned. It recalls that the Council recommends a quota of effectives to be contributed by the respective Powers. Germany will be able to say to what extent she is able to comply with such recommendations. The Council explicitly declares that the reservation, whereby one member can retain neutrality in connection with collective operations undertaken by the League against a covenant-breaking State would undermine the basis of the League and is incompatible with membership.

The reply was read and approved by the League Council without discussion. After disposing of the remaining questions, the sessions terminated. It was decided to refer the question of the Council's competence to deal with the Greek appeal in connection with the expulsion of the Patriarch to the World Court for an opinion in view of Turkey's contention that the matter was one of domestic concern.

The report regarding the results of the Second Opium Conference was approved. The Secretary General was authorized to take the necessary steps to secure admission to the Convention of *inter alia* Afghanistan, Soviet Russia, the Hedjaz, Mexico and the Sudan.

With reference to the League's right to investigate armaments from enemy countries, the Council passed a resolution providing for the exercise of investigation by the Council.

POLES IN DANZIG.

The League Council decided, notwithstanding the Polish representatives' dissent, to refer to a special session of the permanent Court of International Justice, the question of Polish letter-boxes and Polish postmen in Danzig, which occasioned much trouble with German citizens in February.

COMMUNISTS AND POLICE.

SERIOUS CLASH OCCURS AFTER POLITICAL MEETING.

HALLE, March 14th.

Six persons were killed and thirteen seriously injured in a collision between the Police and Communists. Firing occurred immediately after speeches by the English and French Communists. The police had previously informed the Communist Party that foreign Communists would not be allowed to speak.

When a German Communist started to translate the speeches, a police officer protested; and when the audience showed hostility, summoned reinforcements and ordered the people to leave the hall. The crowd attacked the police with empty beer glasses and chairs.

Suddenly a shot was fired from the gallery at the police. The latter replied, inflicting the casualties mentioned above.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

HEAVY SCORING AGAINST M.C.C. IN FINAL MATCH.

ADELAIDE, March 14th.

In reply to the M.C.C. score of 179, South Australia made 443 in the first innings. Chief scorers were Pritchard 87, Rindell 90 and Rymill 140. The took 4 wickets for 100. The batsmen scored steadily throughout the day, despite the varied attack and good fielding. The M.C.C. had made 15 without loss when stumps were drawn for the day.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

LONDON, March 14th.

The following are the results of to-day's matches in the English and Scottish Leagues:—

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Birmingham, 1; W. Ham U., 1. Bolton W., 4; Aston Villa, 0. Burnley, 1; Newcastle U., 3. Cardiff C., 2; Nottingham F., 0. Leeds U., 1; Sheffield U., 1. Notts C., 2; Arsenal, 1. Preston N.E., 4; Liverpool, 0. Sunderland, 1; Bury, 1. Tottenham H., 1; Huddersfield T., 2. W. Bromwich A., 1; Blackburn R., 1.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Chelsea, 3; Blackpool, 0. Clapton O., 0; Bradford C., 0. Coventry C., 3; Barnsley, 2. Crystal P., 0; S. Shields, 0. Leicester C., 4; Fulham, 0. Manchester U., 2; Portsmouth, 0. Oldham A., 0; Middlesbrough, 0. The Wednesday, 0; Port Vale, 1. Southampton, 2; Derby C., 0. Stockport, 0; Hull C., 2. Stoke, 0; Wolverhampton W., 3.

DIVISION III: SOUTHERN.

Aberdeen, 2; Luton T., 1. Briston C., 2; B'mouth and B.A., 1. Charlton A., 3; Merthyr T., 1. Newport C., 0; Bristol R., 1. Northampton T., 3; Reading, 0. Norwich C., 1; Millwall, 0. Plymouth A., 6; Brighton and H.A., 0. Queen's P.K., 0; Brentford, 1. Southend U., 0; Exeter C., 1. Swindon T., 1; Gillingham, 0. Watford, 2; Swansea T., 2.

DIVISION III: NORTHERN.

Accrington, 3; Doncaster R., 2. Bradford, 2; Wallall, 0. Chesterfield, 0; Durham C., 0. Darlington T., 3; Tranmere R., 1. Grimsby T., 3; Nelson, 0. Halifax T., 2; Southport, 0. Huddersfield U., 1; Barrow, 0. New Brighton, 4; Ashington, 4. Rochdale, 3; Lincoln C., 0. Rotherham, 1; Crewe A., 3. Wrexham, 0; Wigan Borough, 3.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Ayr United, 3; Raith R., 2. Cowdenbath, 3; Celtic, 0. Dundee, 1; Motherwell, 0. Hamilton A., 3; Queen's P.K., 1. Hearts, 1; Kilmarnock, 1. Partick T., 3; Hibernian, 1.

The following fixtures were not played:—Barnsley v. Aberdeen; St. Mirren v. Airdrieonians; Third Lanark v. Morton.

ENGLISH v. SCOTTISH.

In the match between the English and Scottish Leagues, played at Liverpool, the former won by 4 goals to 3.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

IRELAND DEFEAT WALES IN ANNUAL FIXTURE.

LONDON, March 14th.

In the rugby international match between Ireland and Wales, played at Belfast to-day, the Irish team proved victorious by 19 points to 3.

GAME DESCRIBED.

A crowd of 15,000 was present to watch the match. The weather was dull, following rain in the morning which had also made the turf softish on the top.

Wales kicked off against a slight breeze. After three minutes Sugden secured from the scrum and gave to Millen who scored a try for Ireland. Crawford took the kick, but sent the ball against the bar. The Irishmen were continually attacking, and Crawford was only inches wide with a penalty-kick.

Thirty-two minutes from the start, an Irish passing movement ended in George Stephenson obtaining a try, which he himself converted. Jerrard, one of the Welsh forwards, retired lame at this stage. The Irishmen were pressing heavily when half-time arrived with the score:—

Ireland 19 points.
Wales 3 points.

After the interval, Ireland began briskly. Harry Stephenson nearly getting over. A little later, Wales made the first dangerous attack, but the movement was brought to an end by fine tackling. George Stephenson kicked a fine penalty-goal for Ireland after twelve minutes' play. Soon after, the Irish tackling was at fault and the handling of the Welsh forwards resulted in Turnbull scoring a try, which, however, was not converted.

Shortly before the end Browne scored a try for Ireland, after a typical forward dribble, which was not improved upon. The Irishmen continued to have the upper hand, and Harry Stephenson scored a try which George Stephenson converted.

The final score was:—
Ireland 19 points.
Wales 3 points.

TENNIS AT HOME.

LONDON PLAYERS DEFEAT TEAM FROM PARIS.

LONDON, March 14th.

On the Dulwich courts to-day, London beat Paris, at lawn tennis, by 11 matches to 10.

'VARSITY BOAT RACE.

LIGHT BLUES SHOW FINE FORM AT PUTNEY.

LONDON, March 14th.

Both Varsity crews are now at Putney. The Cambridge eight rowed the full course in a trial, this afternoon in 20 minutes, 4 seconds. This is considered very creditable.

CAIRO CABINET.

RESHUFFLING OF PORTFOLIOS RESULTS IN STRENGTH.

CAIRO, March 14th.

The re-shuffling of the portfolios has resulted in a much strengthened Cabinet, in which it is noteworthy that M. Ziwar remains Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Other portfolios are: Minister of Interior M. Sidky. Minister of Finance M. Yehia Ibrahim. Minister of Education Dr. Ayman. Minister of Public Works M. Ismail Sirry. Minister of War M. Moussa Foad. The two last-named are ex-Zaghlulists, while Ibrahim is a former premier.

EARLIER CABLES.

SUMMER TIME.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TAKES PERMANENT STEPS.

LONDON, March 13th.

The Summer Time Bill, enacting summer time yearly in a permanent form instead of the annual legislation which has operated for the past nine years, passed the second reading on a free vote in the House of Commons.

The measure is a private one introduced by Colonel Lambert Ward, but the Government has undertaken to adopt it officially to facilitate its passage through Parliament.

The Bill proposes that summer time shall operate from the first Sunday in April till the first Sunday in October, beginning a week earlier, if Easter intervenes. This period is designed to fall in with the agreement reached by the French, British, and Belgian delegates at the conference in Paris in opposition to the duration period offered on behalf of the agricultural and fishing interests.

The Home Secretary supported the measure. The aforementioned are dates subject to alteration when the Bill is examined in committee.

WHEAT PRICES BREAK.

WILD SCENES IN CHICAGO AND WINNIPEG.

LONDON, March 13th.

A break in wheat prices has been responsible for the wildest scenes in the Chicago and Winnipeg exchanges. May futures have dropped fourteen cents to 108 cents in Chicago and to 174 in Winnipeg, the latter being a record decline. The collapse is due to the heavy rains which, it is believed, will increase the crop in the United States.

BOMBAY MILL OWNERS.

'TIMES' ADVISES INDIAN TAX REVISION.

LONDON, March 13th.

The *Times* Trade Supplement, in an editorial dealing with the Bombay mill owners demand for the abolition of the cotton excise duty, says that there can be no doubt that for the boon of the abolition of the excise with a corresponding reduction in import duty the masses of India will be willing to pay enhanced indirect taxation in other directions, for example the salt tax might be restored to 2½ rupees.

The subject should be referred to the Tariff Board. The time is opportune for the working out of plans for the "clearing of the slate" advocated by the Indian Fiscal Commission. Since the excise duty assists Japan to compete with Indian mills, the Tariff Board might well be directed to consider the question of preference for British piece goods in readjusting the import tariff.

OPIUM IN INDIA.

REVENUE FROM CHINA TRADE NOW IS LOST.

DELHI, March 13th.

In the Legislative Assembly, Sir Basil Blackett, in the course of a speech on the question of opium, referring to the China trade, showed how the whole revenue which once came from China was now lost, and that the cultivation in China was now estimated at from 7 to 20 times the Indian cultivation. China had become the most important world producer. The Indian revenue from the export trade had fallen from 801 lakhs of rupees in 1910 to 183 lakhs in 1922. The Government of India would be only too pleased if the countries now taking Indian opium prohibited smoking, as the Government of India did not wish to profit by a degradation of other countries, but so long as the Governments of other producing countries would not restrict smoking there was no reason why India should forego a revenue which would be simply transferred to Turkey or to Persia.

Later, in the course of the opium debate, the Assembly passed a resolution by 60 votes to 22 urging the restriction of the drug to scientific and medical purposes.

GENEVA PROTOCOL.

M. BENES' RESOLUTION IS PASSED AT GENEVA.

GENEVA, March 13th.

The Council of the League of Nations unanimously passed a resolution moved by M. Benes, Premier of Czechoslovakia, referring the delegates' statements with regard to the Protocol to the next September Assembly of the League.

M. Benes in a lengthy speech defended the Protocol for which he said all the small nations were longing.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Britain's Foreign Minister, briefly recapitulated the British stand-point and announced that Britain accepted M. Benes' resolution.

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE IS NOW MAKING PREPARATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 14th.

Being of opinion that developments abroad will facilitate the convocation by the United States of a disarmament conference, President Coolidge is shortly to discuss the subject with Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of State.

The President intends to make approaches simultaneously to all important capitals.

It is learned that the United States' attitude will not be coercive and if other nations are not ready to subscribe to the movement, the question will be considered whether the United States can act. The President favours Washington as the place of the conference.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TREATY.

RATIFIED BY U.S. SENATE WITH OTHER MEASURES.

WASHINGTON, March 14th.

The Senate has ratified the Anglo-American Treaty, defining the Canada-American boundary.

It has also ratified the Treaty, recognizing Cuban sovereignty over Pine Islands.

Senator Reed urged the United States to retain the islands in the interests of national defence. He declared the Panama Canal was defenceless, because Britain commanded every channel there.

TURKISH TREATY SHELVED.

The Lausanne Treaty, re-establishing Turco-American relations was sent back to the foreign relations committee, by the Senate.

Senator Borah explained that this action was taken, because "we haven't the votes to ratify it."

MEXICO AND FOREIGNERS.

NO DIFFERENTIATION BEING SHOWN.

MEXICO CITY, March 13th.

The United States Ambassador, in an interview, stated that the Mexican Government was not differentiating between American and British petitions for protection of interests threatened through the violation of the agrarian legislation.

Representation by the United States Embassy on behalf of both countries was meeting with the fullest co-operation from the Mexican Government, he said.

EARLIER CABLES.

CANADIAN SHIPPING.

THE PETERSEN AGREEMENT MAY EFFECT RATES.

OTTAWA, March 13th.

In the course of the debate in the House of Commons with regard to the ratification of the Petersen agreement, it was said that if a measure of control was secured for the Atlantic and succeeded, then the same principle would be applied to the Pacific trade.

[The Petersen agreement, under a system of subsidies, will enable the Canadian Government to regulate fares and freights.]

HORRORS OF BOLSHIEVISM.

BRITISH CHAPLAIN'S TESTIMONY.

Addressing a meeting convened by the Colford Gloucestershire, Unionist Association, the Rev. R. Courrier Forster, who escaped from Galicia following banishment by the Soviet Government from Russia, where he had lived for nine years, said the Bolsheviks had abolished God, and Christianity in Russia was dying.

In his own chaplaincy 25 bishops and 70 clergy had been murdered. The Bolsheviks' cry was, "Away with God and down with the clergy."

Under Soviet rule man and wife were married by declaration, and marriage was dissolved quite as easily. In the course of twelve months there was nothing to prevent a man from exchanging wives six or seven times.

Men and women were robbed of their clothing in the streets and forced to walk home naked in several degrees of frost. Women were outraged, mutilated, and shot down in the streets and there left to die, and men were murdered in the most diabolical way imaginable.

Anything that was technical was considered by the Reds to be the mainstay of the capitalists, so they took to killing off all officers, doctors, and chemists.

Thousands of people had died of starvation. He himself had been forced to pay from £2 to £3 for a small loaf and 10s. 6d. for a piece of horse flesh. He had eaten cat stew until he got sick of it.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A JAPANESE DIPLOMAT.

SOVIET REFUSES TO AGREE TO MR. SATO AS MINISTER.

WARSAW, March 14th.

Japanese Diplomatic circles here seem impressed with the fact that the Soviet refused to agree to the appointment as Japanese Minister to Warsaw of Mr. Sato, whom his Government had appointed Chargé d'Affaires at Moscow.

DISASTER AT SEA.

VAIN SEARCH FOR JAPANESE VESSEL.

NAGASAKI, March 14th.

The 423-ton steamer *Yamaguchi Maru* No. 6 encountered a storm on Wednesday morning off Khabushima Islands. Five destroyers have been searching for her in vain.

The pursuer together with fifteen passengers have been saved; a hundred other persons are missing.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES AMOUNT TO YEN 20,000,000.

Tokyo, March 13th.

Supplementary estimates of yen 20,000,000 approximately which will be introduced in the Diet, include provision for the Embassy at Moscow, six consulates at various points in Siberia and Saghalien as well as one in Odessa.

FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD.

JAPANESE ARE SENDING LARGE CONTINGENT TO MANILA.

Tokyo, March 13th.

The Japanese contingent for the Far Eastern Olympiad will probably number 157.

The competitors are leaving for Manila on May 14th.

MORALS OF SINGAPORE.

At the annual meeting of the National Union of Societies for the equal citizenship of London, after a statement by Miss Alison Neilans, representing social hygiene, with regard to the present condition of morals in Singapore, it was decided to send a letter to the Colonial Secretary urging that no provision should be made for the reintroduction of any form of State regulation of prostitution in the Straits Settlements.

PIRACY IN CHINA.

SUPPRESSION IS STRAIN UPON BRITISH NAVAL RESOURCES.

LONDON, March 13th.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman's Memorandum on the Naval Estimates says that the disturbances in China and piracy in the Yangtze and on the Canton rivers have been a strain on the resources of the China Station. The gunboats on the Yangtze are rapidly nearing the end of their effective life, and they will be gradually replaced.

The First Lord of the Admiralty mentions that four motor-launches were sent out to the Yangtze, and that useful service is being performed on the Canton river by launches provided by the Hong Kong Government and manned by the navy.

THIEF LIVES AS A MONK.

MANY MONTHS IN A MONASTERY.

Trappist monks who have a flourishing business in Rome in the manufacture of liqueurs and chocolate, says the Rome correspondent of a London paper, have been the victims of a robbery carried out by a clever thief who entered one of their monasteries and lived there for several months, passing himself off as a monk.

Some time ago a monk arrived at the monastery and asked admittance, saying that he came from one of the Trappist monasteries in Northern Italy. He was assigned some humble task. One morning when the monk on duty knocked at the door of each cell as is the custom among Trappists, saying, "Remember, brother, that you must die," he found the stranger's cell empty. Heavy search revealed that he had escaped after riding the monastery of all the valuables it contained.

The police discovered that he was a notorious thief who had once served three years in prison.

The Trappists are one of the silent orders of the Roman Catholic Church. They have no community life and live in silent and solitary lives, each in his cell or at his allotted task. They meet together only for religious observances and then they do not speak to one another.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING'S PROPOSED LOAN.

PROTESTS ALREADY LODGED BY CERTAIN LEGATIONS.

PEKING, March 13th.

It is understood that the French and Japanese and certain other Legations have protested to the Vaitchinops against the proposed 14th Year Loan.

The protest is based on the ground that the German portion of the Boxer Indemnity, which it has been suggested should be used, after three years, for repayment, must be regarded as Customs surplus and should be used for the settlement of certain outstanding foreign loans.

LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR STATE FUNERAL.

PEKING, March 13th.

The Cabinet (15-day) approved arrangements for a State Funeral for the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

The Chief Executive will personally pay a tribute of respect to the remains. Ceremonial salutes will be offered by naval and military units.

Official organisations have been instructed to send representatives; and the diplomats will also be invited to participate in the rites individually. Flags will be half-masted throughout the day.

Further details, including the date, will be arranged at a conference between the Kuomintang executive and delegates from the Ministries concerned.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

MANDATE OF EULOGY.

PEKING, March 13th.

A mandate issued last night states:— "Sun Wen, a former President of the Provisional Government, introduced reforms into the country by promoting the cause of republicanism. He brought the revolution of 1911 to a successful end, and yet he disclaimed power and position. Notwithstanding this, he continued to work for the welfare of the people and the country with an energy and wisdom that won for him the admiration of the whole nation. The Provisional Chief Executive has always held this veteran in high esteem, and has always been badly in need of his help. When I assumed my present post I invited him to come to Peking. My wish was that he would live a long life and work with me for the country, but heaven is so unmerciful as to deprive the country of the services of such a man. When I think of the difficulties and troubles with which the country is beset, I am overcome with sorrow and grief."

"The Ministry of Interior is hereby ordered to suggest on the most liberal scale that posthumous honours be conferred upon him, so as to show the Government's appreciation of his meritorious services."

"CUD OF REMEMBRANCE"

"THAT FOORSPRITED EVACUATION OF GALLIOLI."

A remarkable speech was made by General Sir Ian Hamilton on the occasion of a mass meeting of ex-service men.

Ex-service men had become fever proof, he said, and immune from warlike ambitions, but the young fellows of the present day seemed every whit as ready to turn themselves into food for powder as the other chaps in 1914. Human beings were constantly losing their bearings under the influence of time. Let them put time between themselves and an event and it worked just as strange changes in memory as it did in fashions. Time, if taken in minute doses, made mortal minimise the dark things of the past and magnify the bright.

In some ways that was fortunate, for if he constantly chewed the cud of remembrance, and thought of that poor-spirited evacuation of Gallipoli, he would be down and out just as soon as any shell-shocked soldier. But he preferred to think of such things as the British Legion and its work. If they thought too much about the past the imagination got to work and they might involve themselves in a war which would shock the whole community.

We had not improved much. Even Athens, after the Grecian wars, could not show any unemployed. Pericles would not stand the idle. All our unemployed would, under Pericles, have been hard at work upon projects of national utility and beautification. We were crying out for electrification schemes, the reclamation of the Wash, a canal between Forth and Clyde, and instead we went on paying a million able-bodied citizens for doing nothing.

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WEATHER REPORT.

March 15th at 18.05.—Pressure has increased
slightly from Shanghai to S.W. Japan and the
Looboo. It has decreased slightly at Hong-
kong and Tournay.

The anticyclone over China has strengthened
slightly.

The Looboo depression has moved N.E.

A shallow depression covers Indo-China.
Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected
along the S.E. coast of China and slight
variable winds over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at
15 hours, March 15th 0.60 inch. Total since
January 1st, 4.72 inches, against an average
of 4.27 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 15
hours, March 16th is as follows—

Forecast
Formosa Channel (N.E. winds, mod-
erate to fresh.

(E. winds, light to
moderate; fair at
first, some rain later.

Hongkong to Gap Rock
South coast of China between
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South coast of China between
(Hongkong and Hainan) do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, March 15th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	2 p.m.
Barometer	29.85	29.87	29.82
Temperature	75	74	74
Humidity	70	94	76
Wind Direction	W	Calm	E
Force	0	0	2
Weather	C	BI	0
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature on 15th	75		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 15th	61		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 16th to 22nd, 1925.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week	Days of Month	H'kong, Standard Time	Height	H'kong, Standard Time	Height
Mon.	16	11.15	4.0	11.15	4.0
Tues.	17	11.15	4.0	11.15	4.0
Wed.	18	11.15	4.0	11.15	4.0
Thurs.	19	11.15	4.0	11.15	4.0
Fri.	20	11.15	4.0	11.15	4.0
Satur.	21	11.15	4.0	11.15	4.0
Sun.	22	11.15	4.0	11.15	4.0

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ROMANCE OF COFFEE.

ARAB TRADER'S "CURIOUS SEED."

Coffee, from a small and insignificant
beginning in Abyssinia, has become an
item of international relationship. For
the United States was exchanging notes
about it with a sister republic in South
America recently. This was because the
people of the United States thought they
were paying too much for their coffee,
due to the limiting of export by Brazil,
where more than half the coffee of the
world is grown.

The story of coffee reads like a romance.
The plant belongs to Abyssinia. Tradition
has it that a learned Arabian sheik
took a liking to it, and introduced it to
his fellow-Mohammedans. It served ad-
mirably, for one thing, to keep the pious
awake during prolonged religious
ceremonies, and has served that purpose
elsewhere ever since.

The priests denounced it as an intoxicant,
and therefore contrary to the
Koran; and threats of divine wrath were
uttered against the bibbers—but coffee
became to the Arabs what tea was to
the Chinese.

An Arabian trader is said to have
taken a handful of curious seed with
him on a voyage to Java. He struck
sail in the harbour of Batavia, and
turned over some of his seed to Governor-
General van Hoorne at the Town House.

In the rich soil beside the River
Jacare the seed sprouted, and trees with
glistening leaves sprang forth; and so
it came about that in the cargoes that
left Batavia, the hub of the East Indies,
coffee took its place beside tea and
tobacco, gold dust and diamonds,
camphor and spices, opium and edible
bird-nests.

Coffee became an export, and one of
the trees was sent to the Governor of
the Dutch East India Company in Hol-
land, who had it planted in the Botanic
Garden at Amsterdam. In the course of
a century the progeny of that single
plant produced half of all the coffee
grown in the world, and by that time
Europe had become a coffee-drinking
continent.

Even before this plant was sent to
Amsterdam Constantinople had found out
about the drink. It had travelled
from Arabia through the Golden Horn,
and the coffee-houses had become great
competitors of the mosques. On the ap-
peal of the religious orders, the Sultan
imposed a heavy tax on the traffic; but
it flourished nevertheless.

An English merchant in Turkey learned
to like its mild stimulation, and took
home with him to London a Greek who
knew better than most of his fellows how
to make it; but the merchant's guests im-
posed so on his hospitality, demanding
coffee at all hours of the day and night,
that he set his Greek up in business, and
told his friends to buy their drinks.
Thus the first London coffee-house came
into being.

In less than a quarter of a century
coffee became an issue in London. Charles
I. issued a royal proclamation
against it. He said that persons who
congregated in the coffee-houses spread
abroad defamatory reports of his reign.
Still the stuff sold, so Charles tried the
expedient of a heavy tax, but the only
apparent consequence was smuggling.

France had learned about coffee from
Constantinople, too, along in 1640, and
French traders bought some of the plants
from the Arabians for their colony in
Cayenne, whence a sprig was taken to
Brazil, last of the monarchies on the
American continent, and from that sprig
has sprung the present controversy.

To-day Brazil grows seven-tenths of
all the coffee drunk on the globe, and
half of it comes from the single State
of Sao Paulo. Santos, the seaport of
Sao Paulo, and not Rio, is now the
great coffee centre on earth.

CENTRE OF THE INDUSTRY.

From Sao Paulo down to Santos by
the sea runs a railroad over which all
the coffee of the State must pass. It is
known as the coffee road, and is famous
among traders all over the world. The
trains run right into warehouses near
the wharves, where the green coffee is
lifted off by electric cranes and meas-
ured into new sacks, each holding 132 lb.
A single estate may have more than
4,000,000 coffee trees.

There is a single crooked street in
Santos—Rua Quinze de Novembro—
where scores of houses do business. There
half the coffee of the world changes
hands.

The brokers deal in coffee from samples,
and on taking a contract inspect large
quantities of the consignment. Then elec-
tric trucks, if the inspection has been
satisfactory, take the bags from the
warehouses to "manholes," where they are
dropped to endless underground rubber
belts. By some uncanny device (says an
American paper) these belts can transfer
their loads, if need be, to other belts run-
ning at right angles, so that the coffee
will go to the correct wharf and ship,
and that it is lifted by electric power
into huge chutes, which tumble the load
into the hold of the vessel. Man has
little to do with the process once the coffee
has left the plantation until it comes into
the roaster's hands.

BRIDE WHO PAID.

BILL PRESENTED TO GROOM AT
THE WEDDING.

A bride who handed her newly married
husband an account caused much laughter
in the North London Register Office
recently, especially when, after the
bridegroom had settled with her, she de-
clared that she was out of pocket.

Owing to the business duties of the
bridegroom, who came from abroad, the
bride had to make all arrangements for
the wedding. She paid for the licence,
settled with the registrar, bought her
wedding ring, which she handed to the
bridegroom to put on her finger, and
paid for the motor-cars.

"Now," she cried, smilingly to the
bridegroom after the ceremony, "here is
the account you asked me for," and sug-
gested that he might as well settle up
while they were waiting for their certifi-
cate.

Entering into the joke, the bridegroom
solemnly produced his cheque-book and
wrote out a cheque. "It does not look
much," said the bride; "in fact, I must
have spent more than this and I am out
of pocket."

Then, amid the laughter of her friends,
she kissed her husband and put the
cheque in her handbag.

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FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees
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Goods are being landed at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the
wharves, delivery may be obtained.
Goods not cleared by the 14th March
1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they will
be examined in the presence of Consignees
by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 15th
March, 1925, at 10 a.m. Claims against
the Steamer, including those for Cargo short
delivered, must be presented on the Special
Form provided, and must also be submitted
within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will
not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in
any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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Hongkong, 9th March, 1925. [1925]

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from Godown on and after 12th March.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice
has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between
the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the
free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 18th March
will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Underigned on or before the
1st April, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1927]

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ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Angkor*, on March 15th:—Rev.
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DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Angkor*, on March 15th:—
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Per Admiral Oriental liner *President*
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Mrs. R. F. Clark, Mrs. S. A. Tuckett,
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Mr. R. H. Whitmore, Mrs. Poizat,
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Court, Mrs. D. H. Blaxill, Mrs. C.
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Mrs. W. J. Cuff, Miss M. Evenden, Mr.
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Mr. G. M. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E.
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"The Little Church Around the Corner"
is not the best of titles for a moving
picture—least of all for a moving picture
like the one now showing at the Coronet
Theatre for it fails to suggest that
broad general interest and variety of in-
cident, which is here presented in full
measure. One may not wholly share the
claim of the producers that "The Little
Church Around the Corner" is the great-
est romantic melodrama ever filmed, but
one must concede that its dramatic
appeal is extremely strong. The chief
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FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

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HAIPHONG	... "MINGSANG" ...	Sunday, 22nd Mar.	10 a.m.
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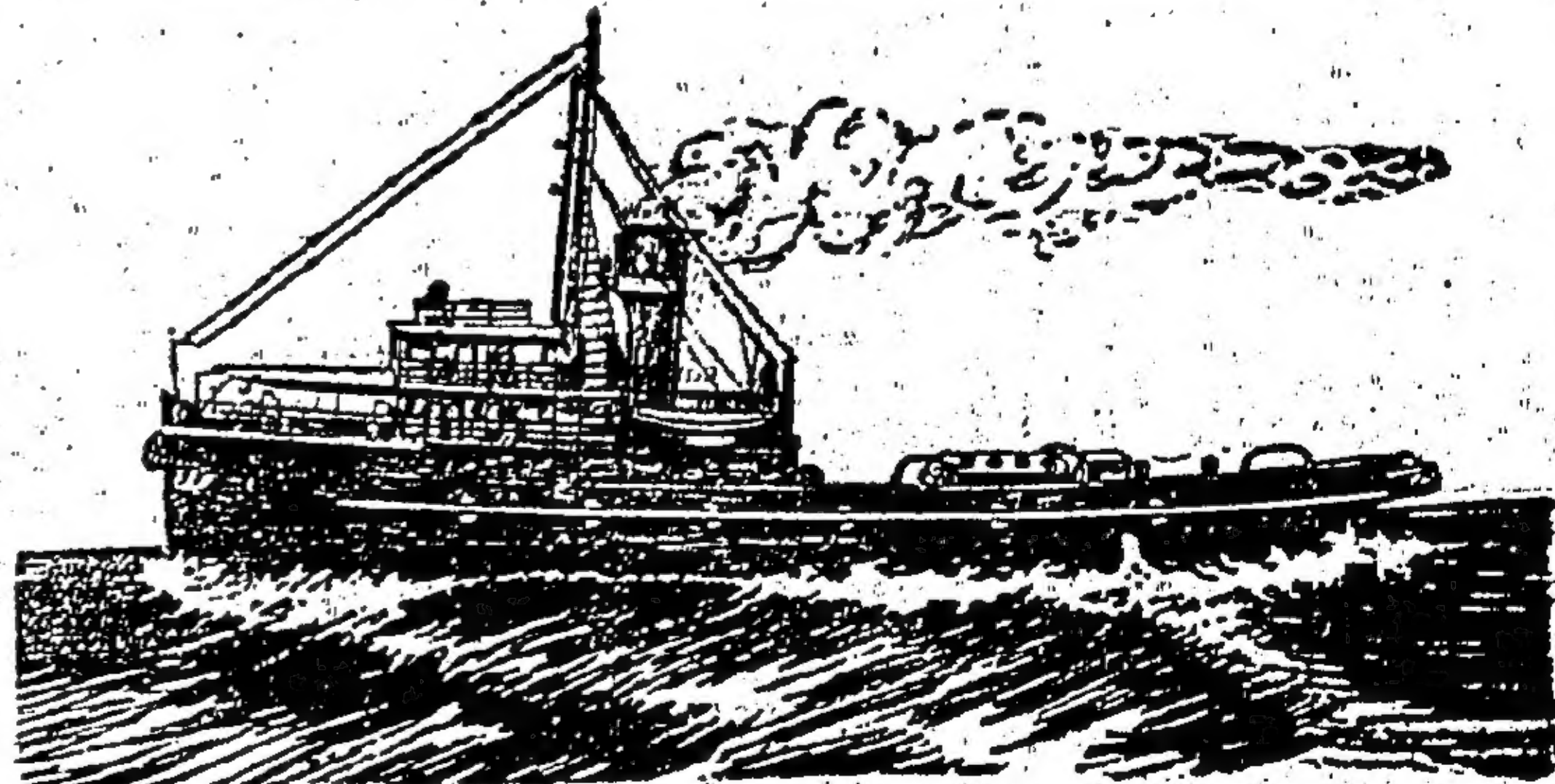
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"SICILIA"	6,536	2nd Apr.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,908	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,133	18th Apr.	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	2nd May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London.
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"SOUDAN"	6,536	30th May	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MORRA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London.
"SICILIA"	6,536	9th June	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th June	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	8,989	11th July	Mars., London & Antwerp.
"SARDINIA"	6,536	22nd July	Spore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,908	22nd July	Marseilles & London.
"KASHGAR"	6,536	22nd July	Marseilles & London & Antwerp.
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
"NARKUNDA"	16,337	5th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,133	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAIRA"	7,332	19th Mar., 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TAKADA"	4,946	3rd Apr.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	18th Apr.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th Apr.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,013	6th May	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,332	18th May	do.
"TAIRA"	7,332	24th May	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st April	Moula, Sualake, Thursday.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th April	Island, Townsville, Brisbane.
"TANDA"	6,536	3rd June	Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st July	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th July	do.
"TANDA"	6,536	2nd Sept.	do.

* a.s. "ARAFURA" will call at Liloa and Kolombangara.

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KARMALA"	9,133	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	26th Mar.	Kobe.
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	18th Apr.	Kobe.
"TALAMBA"	8,013	14th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,536	17th Apr.	do.
"NAGPORE"	6,536	23rd Apr.	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,332	25th Apr.	Kobe.
"MORRA"	10,911	1st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,536	1st May	do.
"TAIRA"	7,332	3rd May	Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,536	9th May	Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	16th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,536	16th May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	23rd May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	30th May	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,989	18th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,908	26th June	do.
"SARDINIA"	6,536	28th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	6,536	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,536	10th July	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,133	7th Aug.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,536	7th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,536	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NARKUNDA"	16,337	20th Aug.	Shanghai.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Oct.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 16th Mar., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGCHOW"	On 17th Mar., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TRINGTAO	"YINGCHOW"	On 18th Mar., Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUICHOW"	On 19th Mar., 11 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 19th Mar., 11 a.m.
HAIPHONG, HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 20th Mar., 10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 21st Mar., 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TRINGTAO	"KIANGCHOW"	On 21st Mar., Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 22nd Mar., 11 a.m.
WIKHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"BUICHOW"	On 22nd Mar., 4 p.m.

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